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REGARDING THE HRC RESOLUTION 34/8 AND 37/23

Dear Sir/Madam,

NGO Trust in Development highly appreciates an opportunity to provide additional recommendations with regard to the HRC "effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights" (HRC resolution 34/8).

In response to the HRC "effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights" (HRC resolution 34/8), it is advised to pay greater attention to the families of foreign fighters, especially widows and children. There are 3.000-3.500 widows from North Caucasus accompanied by 4-5 children each in Syria. In sharp contrast to the Chechen government that has made some efforts to bring the returnees back, the general process of return in other republics of North Caucasus is rather sluggish. The widows are heavily influenced and occasionally indoctrinated and their reintegration might be difficult to achieve. Upon their return, they may well face criminal charges for the participation in illegal armed formations and some flexibility should and must be in place. And finally, what will happen to them if they stay in Syria. A special reference to the special status of widows and children is needed and the countries should craft tailored reintegration program which would facilitate their return.



Respectfully

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