

## **Statement of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women on the situation in Syria CEDAW**

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The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women CEDAW (the Committee) expresses its deep concern about the situation of women in Syria due to the armed conflict.

The Committee asks for an immediate end to the violence in Syria which gravely affects the civilian population, particularly women and expresses its full solidarity with and support for the women in Syria.

The Committee supports the humanitarian assistance provided by the international community and calls for its reinforcing and strengthening. The Committee urges the United Nations entities to urgently appoint gender specialists in all missions with the view to identify violence against women in all its forms.

The Committee calls upon all parties involved in the current conflict to respect internationally recognized principles, norms and standards of human rights and humanitarian law, particularly the human rights of women, which are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights.

In particular, the Committee also calls upon all parties involved in the current conflict to respect all women's rights, including the right to life, safety, security and access to health and emergency medical care and to prevent gender based violence during the armed conflict.

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