



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 43rd SESSION

Item 4: Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on Syria – 10/11 March 2020

OHCHR Report: [A/HRC/43/57](#)

Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic – Presentation of report:

Since December, **1 Million people displaced in Idlib**. 8% are women and children.

Terrorist groups have carried out attacks on **civilians** in areas controlled by the government.

Response by pro-government forces have been **disproportionate**. Hundreds of Syrians have been killed by **bombardments** during the period reviewed. These attacks, characterized by the failure to abide by legal obligations protecting civilians, appear to attempt to **terrorize civilians**.

More than **3 million people remain trapped** in North Idlib. Absence of humanitarian aid is causing shortage of food and medical assistance.

1 year after territorial defeat of **ISIS**. Women and children with **links to foreign fighters** continue to be held in camps. Member states should **repatriate** all girls and boys.

Launch of **operation Peace Spring by the Turkish forces** in north Syria, has led to displacement of hundred thousands of civilians.

The **cease fire announced** by Putin and Erdogan should bring reprieve for civilian population.

None of the priorities of the Syrian survivors are **taken in account** by states involved in the conflict.

Complete disregard for international norms must stop.

Basic respect of human rights is not dependent of a peace agreement, it should be implemented now.

Syria (country concerned):

Many states continue to use their voices in this forum to uphold their **political agenda**.

This is **excessive politicization of human rights council**.

American and Turkish occupation of Syria is illegal.

Syria is determined to protect its territory against **terrorism of occupants** such as USA and Turkey.

Syrian military operations in Idlib are aimed at preserving national integrity.

Syria operations allowed to open humanitarian corridor and benefited civilians.

After liberation of areas, **normal life** is coming back in Syria.

COI does not reflect the truth in its report. We reaffirm our **refusal to renew the mandate of the COI** on Syria, which methods of works are **political and not objective**.

End of military conflict will be done when **hypocrisy** at international level will end.

Interactive Dialogue Participants – States:

African States: . **Asia-Pacific States:** Myanmar, Bangladesh, Marshall Islands, Maldives, Indonesia, DPRK, Turkey, Japan. **MENA region:** Syria (country concerned), Qatar, Iran, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain. **Eastern European States:** Estonia, Armenia, Romania, Georgia, Albania, Russian Federation, Belarus. **Western Europe and Other States:** European Union, Denmark (o/b of Group of Countries), Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Spain, France, Italy, Australia, UK, Belgium, Malta, Greece, Ireland, Cyprus, Croatia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Luxembourg. **Latin American and Caribbean States:** Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Uruguay, Chili, Cuba,

Interactive Dialogue Participants – Other Stakeholders:

UN Women, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Physicians for Human Rights, Reporters Without Borders International, International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights, Union of Arab Jurists, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Amnesty International, The Palestinian Return Centre Ltd, World Evangelical Alliance, Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture