



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 13 July 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

The Syrian Arab Republic is committed to promoting stability and improving the humanitarian and living conditions of all Syrians. It has made continuous efforts to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need in all Syrian regions. Unfortunately, certain States on the Security Council stubbornly persist in refusing to introduce any serious improvements into the draft resolution on extending the validity of Security Council resolution [2672 \(2023\)](#), submitted by the two humanitarian pen holders on the Council. They are also obstructing adoption of the Russian draft resolution, thereby undermining the effectiveness of that resolution. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has therefore taken a sovereign decision to grant the United Nations and its specialized agencies permission to use the Bab al-Hawa crossing to deliver humanitarian assistance to civilians in need in north-western Syria, in full cooperation and coordination with the Syrian Government, for a period of six months starting from 13 July 2023.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again stresses that representatives and staff of the United Nations should have no contact with terrorist organizations and groups and their associated illegitimate administrative structures in north-western Syria, including the so-called “Interim Government” or “Salvation Government”.

Syria reiterates its demand that the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent be allowed to supervise the facilitation and distribution of humanitarian aid in areas controlled by terrorist organizations in north-western Syria.

Syria will continue to work with the United Nations and partners in humanitarian and development work in a manner that supports the relief and development efforts of the Syrian State and its institutions, with a view to early recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure and civilian facilities (above all homes, schools, health centres, roads and power plants), and demining. In that connection, it stresses that unilateral sanctions should not interfere with humanitarian relief operations benefiting Syrians, or access to basic services.

Syria expects international donors to fulfil their obligations by providing the required funding for United Nations activities and programmes. That will allow for implementation of projects included in the humanitarian response plan and the strategic framework for cooperation between Syria and the United Nations, revitalization of the economy, achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development



Goals, and support for the dignified and voluntary return of displaced persons to their homeland.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Bassam **Sabbagh**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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