Resolution 2585 (2021)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 8817th meeting, on
9 July 2021

The Security Council,

3 August 2011 (S/PRST/2011/16), 21 March 2012 (S/PRST/2012/6), 5 April 2012
(S/PRST/2012/10), 2 October 2013 (S/PRST/2013/15), 24 April 2015
(S/PRST/2015/10), 17 August 2015 (S/PRST/2015/15), and 8 October 2019
(S/PRST/2019/12),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and
territorial integrity of Syria and to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the
United Nations,

Encouraging efforts to improve cross-line deliveries of humanitarian assistance
and all relevant parties to further promote, consistent with United Nations
assessments of need, unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance,

Determining that the devastating humanitarian situation in Syria continues to
constitute a threat to peace and security in the region,

Recalling the need for all parties to respect the relevant provisions of
international humanitarian law and the United Nations guiding principles of
humanitarian emergency assistance,

Expressing in this regard grave concern at the impact of the COVID-19
pandemic, recognizing that the pandemic presents a profound challenge to Syria’s
health system and humanitarian situation, and recalling the need for full, safe and
unhindered humanitarian access, without delay, including for humanitarian personnel
and medical personnel, their equipment, transport and supplies in order to facilitate
the provision of humanitarian assistance and COVID-19 vaccinations to all parts of
Syria without discrimination, as contained in resolution 2565 (2021) and the United
Nations Secretary-General’s appeal,

Recognizing that humanitarian activities are broader than solely addressing the
immediate needs of the affected population and should include support to essential
services through water, sanitation, health, education, and shelter early recovery
projects,
Underscoring that Member States are obligated under Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations to accept and carry out the Council’s decisions,


2. **Decides** to extend the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014), for a period of six months, that is, until 10 January 2022, only for the border crossing at Bab al-Hawa with an extension of an additional six months, that is, until 10 July 2022, subject to the issuance of the Secretary General’s substantive report, with particular focus on transparency in operations, and progress on cross-line access in meeting humanitarian needs;

3. **Calls upon** all Member States to respond with practical steps to address the urgent needs of the Syrian people in light of the profound socio-economic and humanitarian impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Syria, as a country in situation of complex humanitarian emergency;

4. **Welcomes** all efforts and initiatives to broaden the humanitarian activities in Syria, including water, sanitation, health, education, and shelter early recovery projects, undertaken by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other organizations, and calls upon other international humanitarian agencies and relevant parties to support them;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to brief the Council monthly and to provide a report on a regular basis, at least every 60 days, on the implementation of resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016), 2393 (2017), 2401 (2018), 2449 (2018), 2504 (2020), 2533 (2020) and this resolution and on compliance by all relevant parties in Syria and further requests the Secretary-General to include in his reports overall trends in United Nations cross-line operations, in particular on the implementation of the above mentioned activities on improving all modalities of humanitarian deliveries inside Syria and early recovery projects, and detailed information on the humanitarian assistance delivered through United Nations humanitarian cross-border operations, including the distribution mechanism, the number of beneficiaries, operating partners, locations of aid deliveries at district-level and the volume and nature of items delivered;

6. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.