



## General Assembly

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### Resolution 2 (2013)

**Adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 2nd meeting, on 6 November 2013**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,*

*Recalling also all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Human Rights Council on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic,*

*Taking note of all relevant resolutions of the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation relating to the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic,*

*Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic,*

*Recalling all the meetings of the Group of Friends of the Syrian People, in particular the fourth Ministerial Meeting held in Marrakech on 12 December 2012, where the participants acknowledged the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces as the legitimate representative of the Syrian people,*

*Reaffirming its support for the mission of the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Lakhdar Brahimi, and welcoming the international efforts to organize an international conference aimed at finding a political solution to the Syrian crisis,*

*Recalling the statements made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights before the Human Rights Council and the Security Council and by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council that crimes against humanity are likely to have been committed in the Syrian Arab Republic, and noting the repeated encouragement by the High Commissioner to the Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court,*

1. *Calls upon* all States in the Middle East to
  - a) refrain from violence, including sexual violence,
  - b) prevent violations of international humanitarian law and human rights violations and abuses,
  - c) create in refugees' camps points of psychological aid in order to support all victims of sexual violence,
2. *Calls upon* an international investigation dealing with human rights violations and crimes following the Syrian crisis in the countries of the region,
3. *Calls upon* all States in the Middle East to urgently address humanitarian needs, to assist the effective delivery of assistance and to ensure safe access to medical treatment,
4. *Condemns* the use of child soldiers' recruitment in hostilities and calls upon its prevention by establishing structural bodies for monitoring and ensuring the process,
5. *Recommends* the governments to prevent the violation of freedom of movement in the Middle Eastern states by national police and authorities and take all possible measures to make easier the process of getting visas,
6. *Urges* States to protect ethnic and religious minority groups which are sensitive and in danger as the minorities that are in-between the fighting forces by creating Middle East Centre for Minorities,
7. *Further recommends* creating United Nations system support to specific peace building tasks, especially security sector reform, police institutional development, rule of law and justice sector support, human rights capacity-building and establishing the conditions for development, consistent with national priorities,

*Decides* to remain seized of the matter.