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Letter dated 24 May 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from the President of the Syrian Negotiation Commission dated 21 May 2022 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) James **Kariuki**
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland to the United Nations



**Annex to the letter dated 24 May 2022 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On behalf of the Syrian Negotiations Commission (SNC), I extend to your Excellency, and the United Nations, my kindest regards and wishes. We affirm our continuous support to the United Nations and your Excellency in your efforts to achieve sustainable peace in Syria within the collective efforts for peace and security worldwide.

After 11 years since Syrians took to the streets demanding life with dignity and freedom, their faith and confidence in the international system is rapidly decreasing as all aspect of their lives continue to deteriorate, with no end in sight to be seen by the majority. This makes us more committed to the political process and achieving a comprehensive political solution through the full implementation of UNSC Resolution [2254](#), including all the elements contributing to confidence-building measures. This also requires our full commitment to ensuring that all issues arising along the way are addressed in a manner that gives our people assurances of justice and respect for the most basic human rights.

In this regard, we believe that there is a need and ability to take certain steps to restore among Syrians some faith in the political process, in particular, and the international system represented by the United Nations, in general. Therefore, we propose the following:

1. Launch an immediate investigation into the Tadamon Massacre, which took place in April 2013 and was exposed recently and publicly through videos showing very chilling clips of civilians being killed in cold blood. We believe that the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria, whose mandate was recently extended until 31 March 2023, is the appropriate body to conduct such an investigation.

2. As we head at the end of this month into the 8th meeting of the Syrian Constitutional Committee, that is 8 meetings in 31 months, which is around one meeting every four months, a pace that is not commensurate with the enormity of the Syrian situation, particularly with no tangible results yet; all of this necessitates setting a three to six months timetable, to which the Syrians sides agree and commit, for the Constitutional Committee to complete its work.

3. Considering that our ultimate goal is the full implementation of UNSC Resolution [2254](#), and with the Constitutional Committee underway, the agreement on which was expressed by the Syrian sides, thus implicitly agreeing to the implementation of [2254](#), we see no reason to delay any further launching negotiations concerning the other parts of the political process according to [2254](#), particularly paragraph 4.

We are prepared to work with the UN offices and the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, Mr. Geir O. Pedersen, on all of the above and any other efforts by you that advance the political process towards the full implementation of UNSC Resolution [2254](#) as the only way for Syria and Syrians to get out of this catastrophe.

(Signed) Anas **Abdah**
President
Syrian Negotiation Commission