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### Letter dated 29 October 2019 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have the honour to forward to you a joint statement by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey on the Syrian Arab Republic made in Geneva on 29 October 2019 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 29 October 2019 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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**Joint statement by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey on Syria**

Geneva, 29 October 2019

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey as guarantors of the Astana format held the trilateral meeting and consultations with the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria Mr. Geir O. Pedersen in Geneva on 29 October 2019.

The Ministers:

1. *Reaffirmed* the strong commitment of the Astana guarantors to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic and *emphasized* that these principles should be respected by all sides. They *reiterated* their strong determination to combat terrorism in all forms and manifestations and to disrupt separatist agendas in the Syrian territory;
2. *Welcomed* the formation the Constitutional Committee and its convening in Geneva on 30 October 2019 as a result of the decisive contribution of the Astana guarantors and the implementation of the decisions of the Syrian National Dialogue Congress in Sochi and *appreciated* in this regard the efforts of the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria;
3. *Expressed their conviction* that the launch of the Constitutional Committee proves that there could be no military solution to the Syrian conflict and *reaffirmed* their commitment to advance viable and lasting Syrian-led and Syrian-owned, UN-facilitated political process in line with the UN Security Council resolution 2254;
4. *Reaffirmed* their determination to support the work of the Constitutional Committee through continuous interaction with the Syrian parties and the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria in order to ensure its sustainable and effective work;
5. *Expressed* their view that the work of the Constitutional Committee should be governed by a sense of compromise and constructive engagement, without foreign interference and externally imposed timelines, aimed at reaching general agreement of its members that would enable the outcome to receive the widest possible support by the Syrian people;
6. *Stressed* the importance of the broader settlement process moving forward to increase humanitarian assistance to all Syrians throughout the country without preconditions and discrimination, to facilitate safe and voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to their original places of residence in Syria, as well as to build confidence and trust between the Syrian parties.