

Foreign Minister Westerwelle welcomes UN Human Rights Council (HRC) Resolution on Syria

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At an urgent debate held today, the UN (United Nations) Human Rights Council (HRC) adopted by a large margin a resolution on the current situation in Syria.

Foreign Minister Westerwelle issued the following statement on this matter today (1 March):

“I welcome the UN (United Nations) Human Rights Council (HRC) Resolution on Syria. It increases the pressure on the Syrian regime to finally stop its cynical course of violence and to allow unimpeded access to humanitarian assistance.
The message from Geneva is clear: those who ride roughshod over human and civil rights will be called to account by the international community.
We will persevere in our efforts, both within and outside the United Nations, to put an end to violence and to bring about a fresh political start in Syria.”

The resolution co-sponsored by over 60 nations was adopted by 37 votes in favour, with three abstentions and three votes against.

In this resolution, the HRC calls upon the Syrian regime to immediately put an end to all human rights violations and to allow free and unimpeded access of UN (United Nations) humanitarian assistance to Syria. At the same time, those responsible for human rights violations in Syria are to be held to account.

Germany helped draft the resolution and was one of its main sponsors.

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