

Statement on the G8 Summit

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The Syrian Coalition welcomes the commitment of G8 leaders to provide an additional \$1.5 billion to meet humanitarian needs in Syria and neighboring countries hosting Syrian refugees. This will provide essential life-saving assistance to the innocent victims of this conflict. The Syrian Coalition through its Assistance Coordination Unit is committed to facilitate the delivery of that urgent assistance by all humanitarian actors in Syria.

The Syrian Coalition confirms that it will accept any political solution that puts a stop to continued bloodshed. Political solutions should achieve goals of justice, the toppling of the Assad regime, and the establishment of a true democracy.

The Assad regime is guilty of killing civilians through its use of chemical weapons and fighter jet shelling. It has made it clear that Assad and his war machine are guilty of terrorism in Syria. It has therefore become the responsibility of the international community to combine their efforts to fight such terrorism in order to establish lasting peace in Syria.

The Syrian Coalition calls on the United Nations to renew their commission of inquiry on the use of chemical weapons in Syria, as well as to travel to liberated areas to evaluate the soil samples for confirmation of Assad's usage of chemical weapons.

We ask for Mercy for our martyrs, health for our wounded, and freedom for our detainees.

Long live Syria and its people, free and with honor.