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Minister for Foreign Affairs Giulio Terzi spoke today by telephone with President of the Syrian Opposition Coalition Mouaz Khatib to confirm Italy’s support for a Syrian people in the throes of the humanitarian crisis caused by the Assad regime.

“We cannot turn a blind eye to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Syrian regime’s brutal use of violence against its own people”, affirmed Minister Terzi, as he assured Khatib of Italy’s maximum commitment to providing concrete assistance to the population and, in particular, to women and children, in an effort to deal with a humanitarian crisis that worsens daily with the onset of winter. In anticipation of the meeting of the Friends of Syria in Marrakesh on 11 and 12 December, where the main international partners are to confront the question of humanitarian aid, Minister Terzi himself will discussed the issue tomorrow at the Italo-French bilateral summit.

Khatib thanked Italy, one of the first Western countries to recognise the Coalition as the Syrian people’s legitimate representative, for the solidarity and assistance offered to the Syrian people and opposition coalition in the areas of humanitarian aid and institution building.

A few days ago Terzi received a group of 30 activists from various Syrian ethnic, religious and political opposition groups, who were in Rome for a course on international relations and diplomatic activities aimed at preparing future Syrian leaders.

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