

Canada deeply concerned with veto on humanitarian assistance in Syria

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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, today released the following statement:

“Canada is deeply disappointed by the veto of a UN resolution to continue vital cross-border humanitarian aid to Syria by Russia and China. This decision will prevent millions of Syrians from receiving aid they urgently require.

“We are particularly concerned about the situation in Idlib, where the population faces increased violence, including air strikes by the Syrian regime and Russia.

“Canada has committed over \$1 billion in humanitarian, development and security assistance in response to the Syria crisis. We call on all parties to allow rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access to populations in need.”

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