

## **The Commission of Inquiry on Syria Invites Individuals, Groups, Organizations, and Member States to submit Information and Documentation related to Its Mandate**

The Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic invites individuals, groups, organizations, and Member States to submit information and documentation related to its mandate via the email or postal addresses below. In particular, the Commission would welcome:

- Information concerning the facts and circumstances regarding specific alleged violations and abuses;
- Information concerning the identity of individuals, military units, and armed group entities responsible for such violations; and
- Views concerning targeted recommendations to duty bearers and conflicting parties active in the Syrian Arab Republic to increase human rights protections and promote accountability.

### **Procedure for submissions for regular mandated reports:**

The Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic reports to the Human Rights Council three times per year, with written reports prepared for the September and March sessions, and an Oral Update during the June Session. The September mandated report covers the period from January to June, while the March mandated report covers the period from July to December.

Submissions for the September mandated report (covering events during the period January-June) should be sent no later than **1 June**.

Submissions for the March mandated report (covering events during the period July-December ) should be sent no later than **1 December**.

All submissions must be provided in writing to the email or postal address below, and must include

- The contact details for the author(s) of the submission;
- Whether the submission, or any part of it, should be treated confidentially.

The Commission of Inquiry encourages contributors to submit information in Arabic, English, and/or French. Submissions in other official United Nations languages are welcome, but may take longer to process.

**Note concerning submissions for special mandate reports:**

From time to time, the Commission is mandated by the Human Rights Council to conduct specific inquiries and produce urgent updates or full reports. In such cases, Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic invites individuals, groups, organizations, and Member States to submit information and documentation related to such special mandates as soon as practical after the adoption of such mandates.

At present, the resolution tabled at the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council requests the Commission to:

“urgently conduct a comprehensive, independent special inquiry into the recent events in Idlib province and surrounding areas, to, where possible, identify all those for whom there are reasonable grounds to believe that they are responsible for alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law, and to support efforts to ensure that perpetrators of alleged abuses and violations are held accountable, and also requests the Commission to provide a full report of the findings followed by an Interactive Dialogue of its special inquiry to the Human Rights Council no later than its forty-fourth session.”

Although the resumption of the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council has not been confirmed and the resolution including this language has not yet been adopted, the Commission would request that any submissions relevant to recent events in Idlib be submitted no later than **10 May 2020**.

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