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the Independent International
Commission of Inquiry on the
Syrian Arab Republic**

***Oral statement
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Mister President,

Civilians in North and East of Syria are suffering from long war impacts and human rights violations in the context of situations of military occupation, which are mainly the result of a proxy war in the form of foreign armed presence. This situation has worsened following the 2018 and 2019 military occupations by Türkiye and Turkish-backed militias. Moreover, the Turkish government is recently treating to invade other Syrian cities, the situation becoming intolerable.

We are particularly concerned about the increasing use of drones by the Turkish government against civilian targets. These acts are in flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the concerned country and constitute crimes of war since the bombings are used in a treacherous manner over crowded civilian areas.

In the last months, dozens of targets occurred, killing and wounding many civilians, and this despite the armistice agreement signed by Türkiye. From 2021 to the present moment, there were 33 targets by drones, which killed 12 people, including two children and four women, and wounded more than 36 others, mostly civilians.

We call upon to the International Commission on Syria to investigate effectively the use of drones by Türkiye and to urge the Turkish state to stop these illegal and criminal acts which aim at destabilizing the region, bring more suffering to civilians and cause forced displacement of population.