



Mr. President,

The catastrophic humanitarian situation in Syria underscores the failure of the international community to protect civilians, most notably in protecting vulnerable groups in accordance with international human rights and humanitarian law. While we acknowledge the importance this Council attaches to bringing to the forefront, the magnitude of human rights violations experienced by the millions of civilians suffering in the Syrian conflict, more must be done by the international community to ensure that the conflict is immediately brought to a close.

In this regard, the Maldives calls on the international community to exert a concerted effort to de-escalate the conflict, and to ensure that adequate humanitarian efforts are undertaken to protect civilians. The Maldives further calls upon the international community as well as the members of the UN Security Council to bring an immediate end to the conflict.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, the Maldives fully supports the Commission's most recent recommendations. We urge the Syrian authorities and all other parties to fully cooperate with the COI, in addressing the countless issues affecting the civilians displaced as a result of the conflict and to fulfil benchmarks on accountability and human rights protection.

Thank you, Mr. President