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National Coalition of Syrian
Revolution and Opposition Forces

Office of the President

Declaration of Commitment on Compliance with IHL and the Facilitation of Humanitarian Assistance

We *agree* that the interests and well-being of the Syrian people are our top priority, and affirm our commitment to protect and respect civilians and ensure that they are assisted henceforth and at all times;

We *affirm* our responsibility to respect International Humanitarian Law at all times including, without prejudice to the ongoing application of the rules not enumerated here, the responsibilities to:

- Distinguish at all times between the civilian population and combatants and between civilian objects and military objectives, and direct attacks solely against military objectives,
- Respect and protect schools and hospitals, and refrain from using in them in support of the military effort, including by locating military objectives within or near them;
- Refrain from the recruitment of children and the use of children in hostilities;
- Refrain from any form of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, including sexual violence of all kinds;
- Respect the wounded and sick, including combatants, and allow them to receive, to the fullest extent practicable and with the least possible delay, the medical care required by their condition, without discrimination;
- Respect and protect relief workers, allow and facilitate the rapid and unimpeded passage of relief including medical and surgical equipment, and grant authorized relief personnel freedom of movement to reach to people in need on the basis of need alone, unless imperative military necessity requires their movements to be temporarily restricted
- Allow all civilians safe evacuation from, and allow the rapid and unimpeded passage of relief consignments into, all besieged areas;
- Treat all persons deprived of their liberty humanely and provide an impartial, neutral and independent organization with regular access to persons in detention;

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In addition to these responsibilities, we agree to:

- Refrain from the use of heavy weapons in population centres;
- Respect and uphold the fundamental humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence;
- Immediately agree upon and facilitate arrangements to undertake essential immunization campaigns in the entirety of the Syrian territory;
- Adopt simple and expedited procedures for all logistical and administrative arrangements necessary for humanitarian relief operations;
- Work immediately and in good faith with representatives of humanitarian agencies to agree practical arrangements for the provision of assistance to meet the needs of all civilians, including through the rapid authorization of humanitarian convoys, and the implementation of regular humanitarian pauses, local deconfliction arrangements and days of tranquility;
- Take all necessary measures to ensure that all elements acting on our instructions or under our direction or control abide by the commitments of International Humanitarian Law and of this Declaration, and investigate all allegations of violations hold accountable those responsible.