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### Military Order

#### To all stakeholders of the Syrian Democratic Forces SDF

In order to implement the relevant international legal instruments on the rights and protection of children affected by armed conflict in Syria, including:

- Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989, and the Protocol that restricts the involvement of children in military conflicts.(2000).
- Security council resolution Nr 1612 issued in 2005 and subsequent Council resolutions on children and armed conflict.
- Recommendation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in its annual report on children and armed conflict (S/361/72).

Based on the above-mentioned international legal instruments the following instructions are to be implemented ASAP:

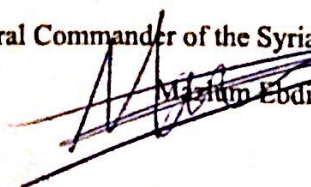
- 1- Children are strictly prohibited from joining SDF ranks and it is strictly prohibited to recruit them for SDF (The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child defines child as "a human being below the age of 18 years).
- 2- Every member of SDF forces under the age of 18 years (if founded) must be transferred directly to the concerned civil authorities (the Authority for Education) in the Northern Syria administration, after taking his full record, a personal photograph, a formal receipt from the Authority in charge (And the data must be forwarded to the General Command of the Syrian Democratic Forces SDF as soon as possible).
- 3- The Directorate of Archives and Military Records shall verify the birth of all SDF members and determine members under the age of 18 and inform the General Command about their data and positions in order to take action as required by the laws specified above.
- 4- The military finance department must stop paychecks (wage) given to all members under 18 years old (if founded) and report the concerned authority about the case immediately.
- 5- Military commands in each area must appoint an Ombudsman to receive complaints and reports about any violation regarding the implementation of the prohibition on recruiting children in the ranks of SDF forces. The Ombudsman must verify each report properly and inform the concerned authority when a violation occurs.
- 6- The Military Police Department and the Military Discipline Department must pursue officers and military commanders, who do not comply with this military order and take punitive measures against them, if they don't abide by the order.

A copy of this order is directly to be forwarded to the following bodies:

- The Administration of Northern and Eastern Syria.
- UN Secretary General Office.
- UN – UNICEF
- UN – SECURITY COUNCIL
- Leadership of the Southern Region
- Leadership of the Central Region
- Leadership of the Western Region
- General Command of the Duty of Self-Defense
- Department of Archives and Military Records
- Military Finance Department
- Military Police Department
- Leadership of the Eastern Region



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