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**Statement delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi,
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Mr. President

Italy aligns itself with the EU statement and thanks the Commission of Inquiry for its latest Report, which confirms that the human rights' situation in Syria remains dire.

We urge all parties to respect their obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law, ensuring the protection of civilians and facilitating the delivery of basic needs assistance.

We call on the Syrian authorities to take all necessary measures to prevent acts of torture and ill-treatment and to ensure accountability of those who are responsible for serious violations and crimes.

As regards the return of refugees, we consider with concern that, due to the economic and security situations, the conditions are not yet met and fully support UNHCR initiatives on security guarantees

We fully support the work of the Independent Institution on Missing Persons to assist families in the search of their relatives. We clearly stress that this institution has exclusively a humanitarian nature and call on the Syrian authorities to start a dialogue with the Institution.

Italy calls for the resumption of a political process under the auspices of the United Nations to realize the aspirations of the Syrian people and to fight all forms of impunity. Italy reiterates its full support to the essential work of the Commission of Inquiry and of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism.

I thank you.