

**UN Watch Statement on Syria UPR**  
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Thank you, Madam President.

Today, as we meet here in Geneva today to review Syria's human rights record, the men, women and children of that country are being slaughtered without mercy. Every possible tool that the international community can use must be deployed. There is no time to spare.

UN Watch joins the urgent demands made in the report for Syria:

- to immediately end attacks on peaceful protesters and activists and bring violators to account;
- to end its practice of arbitrarily detaining Syrians for participating in peaceful demonstrations and release all those held in detention
- to immediately and unconditionally release all prisoners of conscience

We commend the vigorous work, reflected in the report and other action that we have witnessed here recently, by dedicated delegates from the United States, Canada, the European Union, Australia and other countries. Much more here and in New York can and must be done.

In this regard, we take note of the testimonies heard this week at the UN Watch summit by eyewitnesses to the massacre, by victim Hadil Kouki, and by Dr. Jacques Beres.

We call on Syria to immediately implement the report's recommendations demanding an end to the killing, and we call on the international community to do more to save the victims.

Thank you, Madam President.