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*As representative of the*

**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

Ambassador's speech

“Honourable Secretary General, Honourable Chairs, fellow delegates, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour to represent the Syrian Arab Republic at this prestigious conference. The delegation of Syria is delighted to have the opportunity to debate and work towards tackling the great issues on the agenda.

Syria now finds itself theatre of a dreadful civil war, which has already caused tens of thousands of victims, including thousands of children and women.

The opposition groups, as well as terrorist organizations, are destabilizing the country, while destroying the people of Syria. The Syrian delegation will be actively working with all Member States in order to find a political solution to this conflict and the numerous challenges it is presenting, first and foremost the refugee problem.

We are also deeply troubled by the ongoing military confrontation taking place in Ukraine. The Syrian delegation will be cooperating and working side by side with its partners and allies, as well as with all Member Countries to make a step forward towards solving this confrontation without claiming further lives.

Our history might be different, our governments may have been enemies, our interests could differ, but we all share the universal founding principles of freedom, peace and prosperity. The representatives of Syria are convinced that all Member States will espouse these values and be willing to join forces with us to build a better world.

Thank you all very much for your kind attention.”