



To the United Nations Security Council

Dear President and Members,

We, at Kongra Star and the Zenobia Women's Association, address you through this letter to present our international women's campaign, launched under the slogan: "With the unity of women, we build a free, democratic, and decentralized Syria."

This campaign was launched at a critical juncture in Syria's history — a time when Syrian women's hopes for change intersect with persistent attempts at exclusion and marginalization, amid ongoing violence and the erosion of women's political participation. From within these circumstances, our shared determination emerged: to raise the voice of women, unite them, and transform their struggle into a collective and political force capable of contributing to shaping the country's future on the foundations of justice, equality, and freedom.

The campaign was launched on October 12, 2025, commemorating the martyrdom of Hevrin Khalaf (a symbol of free women's will) and continued until November 12, 2025, with the participation of hundreds of women from diverse ethnic, religious, and social backgrounds. It brought together hundreds of women from diverse ethnic, religious, and social backgrounds, under the initiative of Kongra Star and the Zenobia Women's Association, asking for a democratic, decentralized Syria that is women led and not shaped by external plans.

Within this framework, numerous online and in-person events were organized, including seminars and open discussions that brought together hundreds of women and dozens of organizations. Among the online activities, four multilingual panels—translated into various European and Middle Eastern languages—addressed key topics like current situation in Syria, women's self-defense, democratic confederalism in North and East Syria, and women's internationalism. Additional panels and assemblies took place in different cities, alongside media participation through interviews and television programs that amplified the campaign's message.

The campaign achieved global outreach and received solidarity from dozens of organizations and women worldwide. In addition to written statements — such as the one from the North African and Middle Eastern Women's Alliance (NADA) — this solidarity was expressed mainly through video messages, of which we collected nearly one hundred. These solidarity video-messages came from all five continents, from a wide variety of organizations (feminist, ecological and socialist groups, theological associations, bookstores, syndicates, collectives, councils and much more) single individuals and politicians. We published the full list of the solidarity videos and you can find them in the attached document. It includes a list of links both of the videos related to the campaign and of other useful documents. From the solidarity messages it is clear that the solidarity is coming from a deep interest and understanding of the situation, and in many cases from a long-term engagement: the diversity and scope of this solidarity testifies to the broad consensus and international support that the campaign's goals have inspired.

Through our communication with the Security Council, we wish to emphasize the importance of supporting the **effective participation of women in the Syrian political process**, in accordance with **UN Security Council Resolution 2254**, which calls for the inclusion of all segments of Syrian society in shaping the country's future, and **Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security**, which affirms the necessity of ensuring women's participation at a rate of no less than 50% in all decision-making processes related to peace and security.

The participation of women at all levels of the political process, and in the negotiation, constitutional, and reconstruction tracks, is not a sector-specific demand but a fundamental prerequisite for achieving sustainable peace and genuine democracy founded on justice and equality.

We also call upon the Security Council to ensure that all UN efforts aimed at supporting the political process in Syria adopt a **gender-sensitive approach**, guaranteeing that women are empowered to access decision-making platforms and to contribute to shaping economic, social, and security policies that reflect the aspirations of all components of Syrian society.

We believe that the full inclusion of women is a key indicator of progress in fulfilling international commitments related to peace and security in Syria and strengthens the prospects of building a pluralistic, democratic, decentralized state based on equal citizenship and human dignity.

We reaffirm our constant readiness to cooperate with the United Nations, the Security Council, and all relevant bodies to enhance the role of women in the political process, as well as in the paths of recovery, reconstruction, and peacebuilding.

We believe that achieving peace and democracy in Syria will not be possible without the participation of women, and that true freedom can only be founded on equality and justice between the men and women. From this belief, we draw our strength to continue working for a **free, democratic, and decentralized Syria**, where women hold their rightful place in leadership and in shaping the future.

With our highest respect and appreciation,

Raqqa and Qamishlo, 13/11/2025



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