



To the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Syria

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 Aleppo, Sulaymaniyah, and Gelsenkirchen (Germany), 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 your esteemed office, we affirm our aspiration to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations and the Office of the Special Envoy in order to empower Syrian women and ensure their effective participation in the political process led by your office, in line with **UN Security Council Resolution 2254**, which stipulates the inclusion of all segments of Syrian society—including women—in the political process and in shaping the country’s future.

We hope that your office will contribute to amplifying the voices of independent Syrian women at the dialogue and negotiation tables, and ensure their presence in all political, constitutional, economic, and social tracks—not merely as symbolic participants, but as active forces in peacebuilding and decision-making.

We also call for the activation of the principles of **UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security**, and for your office to ensure that all its programs and initiatives adopt a **gender-sensitive approach**, guaranteeing the participation of women at a rate of no less than 50% in working teams, and in the formulation and implementation of agreements and policies related to Syria’s future. Women’s participation is not a sector-specific demand, but a fundamental prerequisite for achieving sustainable peace and genuine democracy founded on justice and equality.

We view the Office of the Special Envoy as an essential partner in conveying the voices of Syrian women to international and UN platforms and in supporting efforts to build a pluralistic, democratic, decentralized Syria based on the principles of equal citizenship and human dignity. We reaffirm our constant readiness to cooperate and coordinate with your office in all efforts that enhance the role of women in the political process, in recovery and reconstruction, and in building peace.

We believe that achieving peace and democracy in Syria will not be possible without women, and that true freedom can only be established on the basis of equality and justice between the men and women. From this belief, we draw our strength and determination to continue working for a **free, democratic, and decentralized Syria**, in which women assume 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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