

Syria – Constitutional Committee: Syria Small Group’s statement (31 October 2019)

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The Foreign Ministers of Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the UK, and the US welcome the launch of the Constitutional Committee in Geneva on October 30.

We greatly appreciate the work of the UN Secretary General and UN Special Envoy Geir Pedersen in launching this effort. This is a long-awaited positive step that requires serious engagement and commitment in order to succeed. It can complement implementation of other dimensions of Security Council Resolution 2254, including the meaningful involvement of all Syrians, especially women, in the political process. We support efforts to create a safe and neutral environment that enables Syria to hold free and fair elections, under UN supervision.

We recall our statement in New York on September 26 and continue to call for an immediate and genuine nationwide ceasefire in Idlib. There can be no military solution to the Syria crisis, only a political settlement on the basis on UN Security Council resolution 2254.