



Center for Civil Society and Democracy

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Happy 25th Anniversary of the adoption of SCR 1325 to advance women, peace and security agenda!

On behalf of the Center for Civil Society and Democracy, we extend our gratitude to all Syrian, regional, and international partners who have supported Syrian women in their pursuit of equality, peace, justice, and democracy. Fourteen years into this journey, Syrian women continue to face and bear the consequences of grave human rights violations, including the two massacres against Alwite and Druze communities, abductions, discrimination and marginalization by the transitional government, de-facto authorities, ISIS and other violent extremist groups. Women's voices, and those of independent civil society, must be protected and included in shaping Syria's future.

Since 2011, we have worked alongside Syrian women, youth, and civil society organizations to strengthen civic space and advance freedom. We continue to call for a pluralistic, democratic, and decentralized Syria that guarantees equality, human rights, and the separation of state and religion. Building on our [Principles of Transition](#) released in March 2025, we urge all actors to join us in turning these commitments into action.

- **Protect and expand civic space** by empowering civil society and Syrian women to lead gender-sensitive initiatives and build community protection mechanisms against violence, abduction, and movement restrictions.
- **Advance a National Dialogue** to address Syria's root causes of conflict and ensure a fair, inclusive transitional justice process.
- **Invest in women's leadership** by allocating resources for Syrian women to design and lead humanitarian and development projects — and ensure they make up at least half of all program beneficiaries.
- **Link aid to inclusion** by requiring at least 30% representation of Syrian women across government, civil society, and the private sector, and in transitional justice, truth, and reconciliation process. Establish dedicated SGBV task forces in all national and international mechanisms.
- **Champion women's rights** and leadership in all political processes — from constitutional reform and security sector transformation to free and fair elections — in line with UNSCR 2254. Support the Syrian women-led consultations to develop a shadow National Action Plan for WPS while we are waiting to adopt an official one.
- **Mobilize resources and political** will to advance the feminist agenda by strengthening women's organizations, the Women's Advisory Board, and women politicians to lead in peacebuilding, justice, and reconstruction.

We are committed to building our beloved and peaceful Syria, which guarantees equality, justice, and democracy. We invite you to work together on this journey, will you?

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