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STATEMENT OF JAMES R. SILKENAT, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION RE: Thursday's scheduled vote at the U.N. Security Council involving Syria

WASHINGTON, May 21, 2014 –The American Bar Association, as it did in [November 2011](#) and [June 2012](#), again urges the United Nations Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court for investigation of possible war crimes and crimes against humanity. A resolution sponsored by France, currently scheduled for a vote on May 22, 2014, would authorize the ICC to investigate allegations of atrocities perpetrated by the Syrian government, pro-government militias and armed opposition groups in the ongoing civil war in Syria. The ABA joins the scores of nations that have co-sponsored the resolution in calling for the Security Council to approve it. A just rule of law demands nothing less.

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Please [click here](#) for a biography and photo of James R. Silkenat, president of the American Bar Association.

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