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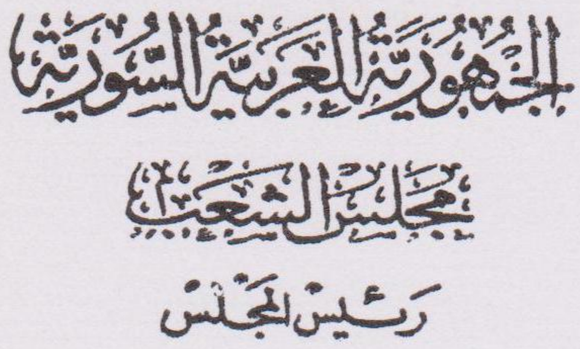

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Rep. John Boehner
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Greetings,

Please find attached an urgent formal Open Letter from myself as Speaker of the Syrian Parliament. I am sending this on behalf of the Members of the Syrian People's Assembly. The institution that has functioned continuously since its foundation in 1919.

In view of today's crucial debate on a possible American military attack on our country, it is vital that the attached letter to be circulated immediately to every Congress Member prior to the debate.

In addition, we kindly ask you read out the letter during the opening stages of the debate in order to ensure that the Honourable Members are fully appraised of the situation in Syria and of the proposals included in the attached letter, and in order to ensure that the full text of the letter is registered in your records.

It is important to note that we have sent an explanatory letter regarding the situation in Syria to our colleagues at the British Parliament who took the responsibility to exhaust all avenues of diplomacy before involving their nation into war.

We hope that your Honourable Members will also take a similar approach.

Yours faithfully,

Speaker of People's Assembly

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Dear Sirs and Madams

"*If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships – the ability of all peoples, to live together, in the same world at peace.*"

Franklin D. Roosevelt

We write to you urgently as you are debating the process of launching an attack on Syria. Additionally, we write to you as fellow Parliamentarians and representatives of our peoples.

It is still important that, we write to you as fathers and mothers, as members of families and communities which really are not so different to yours. Moreover, we write to you as human beings asking: if you bomb us, shall we not bleed?! The innocent people will be harmed.

Local tragedies become regional wars that led to global conflict because of the lack of communication among nations. We urge you to communicate with us through civilized dialogue rather than the language of fire and blood.

In Syria, we are keeping in mind the American dream of family values, the opportunity of success in a peaceful environment. James Truslow Adams said in 1931, "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement" regardless of social class, religion or circumstances of birth.

Before your debate at the Congress let's recall the following:

1. **Common facts:**

- The main factor of 9/11 attacks was the hatred Wahhabi Jihadist Ideology adopted and financed by Saudis.

- The hatred Wahhabi Jihadist Ideology was born from the Muslim Brotherhood jihadist doctrine. One of the living example is Omar Abdel Rahman, who's actually in your prison, where many parties claiming to be your allies are seeking his release.
- More than 3 trillion USD, hundreds of thousands of killed and injured Americans and Iraqis and millions of Iraqi refugees were the cost of the ongoing military war on terrorism.
- Due to the Saudi money the Salafi Wahhabi different jihadist "Madrassas" are still operating and where thousands of kids are graduated every year from these terrorist centers.
- Kitchen tools plus Wahhabi Ideology are the main factors behind the horrible terrorist attacks around the world and Boston crime is the living example of the present and future sleeping cells model.
- Since late seventies, Syria was the first country that faced fundamentalist fanatic terrorism.
- Now, Syria is fighting tens of thousands of None Syrian jihadist.
- Syria is the last living genuine secular state in the Middle East.
- The United States and Syria both suffered and are still suffering from the terror of the same enemy which is the hatred Wahhabi Ideology adopted and financed by Saudis.
- Both of our countries fully supported the Security Council resolutions 1373 and 1624 to combat terrorism.

"I ask you to judge me by the enemies I have made"

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The main common enemy to our two nations is the hearted wahhabi Jihadi ideology represented by Al- Qaida, Al Nusra Front and its affiliates.

2-Alleged Chemical Attacks:

2-1 Evidences of possessing Chemical Weapons by the armed fanatic terrorist groups:

- On 19.03.2013 Khan Al-Asal, Aleppo chemical attack on civilians and military personnel, Syrian Government asked on 20.03.2013 for an immediate UN investigation.
  The investigation Team visit was delayed for more than 5 months by US, France and UK intervention.

- On 30.05.2013 Turkey announced the capture of an Islamist fanatic terrorist group possessing two litres of Sarin Gas. Therefore, Mr. Sergey Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister, on 31.05.2013 urged the Turkish Government to cooperate to avoid the possibility of any future chemical attack in the Middle East and Europe.
- On01.06.2013 the Iraqi Army announced the capture of a fundamentalist fanatic terrorist group on the Iraqi - Syrian borders, and seized chemical weapons and a remote control of a small helicopter.
- On28.07.2013 the Syrian authorities handed to the Russian and Chinese diplomatic missions in Damascus the evidence of the possessing chemical weapon by al Nusra Front and their intention to use them to attack Muaaret al Numan and the suburb of Aleppo.

Conclusion: the above facts proves that the fundamentalist Jihadist terrorist groups possessed and used chemical weapons previously.

2-2 **Question**: Logically, what is the benefit of the Syrian Government to commit a chemical attack crime during the visit of the U.N. Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria within less than 4 miles from the Commission residence at Four Seasons Hotel?!

3. For that reason, we urge you to come to Syria, to send a delegationl, as soon as you can to see and discover for yourselves what is going on here. We invite you to come to Syria to measure the situation before you cut – especially when the cloth that will be cut is human flesh. Where we can together generate a road map for a joint effective effort against terrorism.

We believe that such an aggressive and unjustified act of war would be unfair and illegal due to the following reasons:

a) Syria is a sovereign state that does not pose any threat to the United States of America;

b) The UN Security Council did not adopt such an action.

c) The UN Report about the terrible incident in Damascus Countryside – Ghotta- has not been formulated. No-one can even know whether it will include enough evidence for any claims and allegations.

d) On the contrary, the UN has already concluded that there is a very strong evidence that the fundamentalist terrorists from the al-Nusrah Front – a terrorist organization affiliated to al Qaeda- have used a poison gas

against Syrian soldiers and innocent civilians. Consequently, any aggressive act against innocent and sovereign people, without any legal evidence, would be a criminal act breaching the principles of the International Law. While some of the western circles are offering all possible support to the fanatic Wahhabi rebels who were accused of committing crimes by the UN, which is surely a breach of your declared basic principles of justice.

We highly appreciate your moral feeling of sorrow at the images of the chemical attack victims. We the Syrians, are fully co-operating with the UN Investigation Team, Syrian experts are also investigating the question of who carried out this atrocity and sharing the UN Team with the results. We Parliamentarians, are determined to reach the truth and to bring the involved criminals to justice, regardless whoever they are.

In the meantime we urge you not to rush into any irresponsible reckless action. You have the power and the responsibility today to convert the United States of America from the war track to the diplomatic path. We hope to meet there, and to talk, as civilised peoples should. We adopt a diplomatic solution, as we realize that war would be a bloody destructive catastrophic track, which does not have any benefit for all nations.

In fact, the most important matter is that we all face the same terrorist threat. Attacking Syria and weakening its establishments and infrastructure would automatically strengthen the power of our common enemy, Al Qaida and its terrorist affiliates. Instead of fighting each other, we should be working together to fully implement UN Security Council Resolutions 1373 and 1624 against terror. Instead of being enemies, we should be walking the road to peace and truth together.

With Best Regards

Speaker of People's Assembly

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