**Security Council Press Statement on the Crisis in Kurdistan**

The following Security Council press statement was issued today by the Council President:

The members of the Security Council noted with deep concern the alleged human rights violations relating to forced displacement and food rationing by the Turkish military and police force. These alleged human rights violations were sparked by the restriction of citizens’ access to basic services such as water, food, and healthcare. Additionally, the members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest possible terms the 30 March 2016 attacks on hospitals and civilians.

The members of the Security Council underlined the need for Member states to provide humanitarian aid and resources to the hospitals and clinics affected by the bombings in Kobani and other destruction throughout the region. Further, the members of the Security Council reaffirmed the need for resources to be provided to victims of displacement, assuring the health and wellness of Kurdish people and all other affected civilians within the region.

The members of the Security Council reiterated that any violation of human rights is unacceptable and called on all involved parties to end such actions without delay.

The members of the Security Council further condemned any form of violent attack by any party directly or indirectly involved in the emerging conflict and recognized the importance of national stability for international peace and security.

The members of the Security Council expressed the need for the government of Turkey to cooperate with UN observers for the purpose of investigating the allegations made against the Turkish government by the Kurds in Syria and Turkey.

The members of the Security Council further expressed the need for Member States and regional actors affiliated with the conflict, particularly within the region, to pledge to provide peaceful and humane treatment for the Kurdish people, especially those who have been displaced from their homes and region, or have faced threats such as the deprivation of fundamental human rights. The Security Council also reiterated to all parties the necessity to behave according to the Geneva Conventions.

The members of the Security Council also asked that the parties involved brief the Security Council regarding the situation and the concerns of each party without delay.

The members of the Security Council call for bilateral and multilateral peace talks between the Kurds and their governments, including Turkey, Iraq, and Syria, for the purpose of restoring peace.