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STJ's recommendations necessitated providing protection for all citizens across Syria and ending forced returns of refugees in Lebanon and Türkiye

In early May 2023, Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) and several Syrian civil society organizations made contributions during a <u>meeting</u> with the office of the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen, attending the event with members of the Syrian Civil Society Support Room (<u>CSSR</u>), as well as Syrian experts from specialized working groups on "Local Governance and Decentralization" and "Protection Priorities for Syrians."

During the meeting, the Special Envoy was briefed on the recommendations of the CSSR members and, in turn, shared with them insights into his latest meetings and efforts to support an inclusive political process and promote a political solution in line with Security Council Resolution No. 2254.

The Civil Society Support Room (CSSR) was established in January 2016 by the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria as a platform to ensure an inclusive political process by consulting with and engaging a broad and diverse range of civil society actors. Through the CSSR, civil society actors can meet, interact and exchange insights and ideas among themselves, with the Office of the Special Envoy, relevant UN actors, as well as international stakeholders.

UN experience and best practices in mediation processes clearly suggest that peace agreements are more sustainable if women and civil society are adequately and meaningfully included in the political and mediation process.

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About Us:

Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization monitoring human rights violations in Syria. Founded in 2015, STJ has been based in France since 2019.

STJ is an impartial and independent Syrian human rights organization operating across Syria. Our network of field researchers monitor and report human rights violations occurring on the ground in Syria, while our international team of human rights experts, lawyers, and journalists gather evidence, examine emerging patterns of violations, and analyze how violations break domestic Syrian and international law.

We are committed to documenting violations of human rights committed by all parties in the Syrian conflict and elevating the voices of all Syrians victimized by human rights violations, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, class, and/or gender. Our commitment to human rights monitoring is founded on the idea that professional human rights documentation meeting international standards is the first step to uncovering the truth and achieving justice in Syria.





