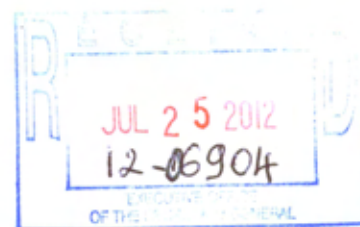


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League of Arab States
The Secretary General

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

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25 July 2012

Dear Mr. Secretary-General

Pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday and as I have mentioned to you, the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level at its irregular meeting on July 22, 2012 has adopted resolution 7510 (2012). Article 4c of the resolution calls for the enlargement of the mandate of the Joint Special envoy that will allow for the realization of the provisions set out in it, in line with the requirements of the transitional stage to achieve a civil, multi-party, democratic state, a state of equality in citizenship and freedom in Syria.

As stipulated in the resolution, the details of this enlargement would include the following:

- Assisting in the immediate formation of a consensus transitional government in Syria that enjoys all the powers and includes opposition factions inside and outside Syria, the Free Army and the de facto national authority, in order to facilitate a peaceful transition of power,
- Organize and assist the delivery of urgent humanitarian needs of food and medical supplies as well as all forms of relief and humanitarian assistance to those affected Syrian people inside Syria and in the neighboring countries that host Syrian refugees,
- Organizing the establishment of safe zones in Syria to provide protection to Syrian citizens and enable Arab and international humanitarian relief organizations to perform their work.

In essence, in my view, what is envisaged are additional responsibilities similar to those conferred on the Special Advisor of the Secretary General to Yemen, with respect to the transfer of power.

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I have consulted Mr. Annan regarding the above mentioned points before sending them to you.

On the other hand, we will be looking forward to the meeting of the Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly, which was called for by the Government of Saudi Arabia, so that the above mentioned points can be discussed by the member states and a resolution on this matter can be issued as soon as possible to attain and ensure relief for the people of Syria.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nabil Elaraby

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Secretary General
League of Arab States