## Final Declaration of the Democratic Syria Congress: "Towards building a free and democratic Syria"

## **Democratic Syria Congress**

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The Democratic Syria Congress was organised and successfully finalized with the participation of Syrian opposition groups and representatives of all social circles under extraordinary conditions as Syria has been turned into a bath of blood and violence, and become the main scene of the dominance competition of international and regional forces, in the face of which terrorist forces have engaged in various bargains over this tragedy.

The political and societal circles participating in the congress have achieved a consensus on forming a political power by the name of Syrian Democratic Council (SDC) with an aim to fulfill their duties and responsibilities in the current historic period, lead the Syrian revolutionary democratic movement to a right course, and end the present fragmentation, bloodshed and the darkness the country is being dragged into.

All the forces that have merged under the roof of the Congress have united their will in order for the forming of a democratic constitution to enable a production of solutions to the Syrian crisis through democratic peaceful discussion, dialogue and talk; to fight terror; to hold free and democratic elections required by the current process in Syria; to secure the faith, culture and identities of all Syrian peoples; and to achieve social consensus on the basis of their democratic will.

Participants declare through the political consensus approved by the Congress that the present despotic mindset has first degree responsibility for the current situation in the country; that this mindset goes against the multicultural, multi-faith, multi-ethnic and pluralist reality of the Syrian society; and that this despotic mindset will be hindered through the development of a pluralist society based on a common land and free life recognising all peoples and their cultures.

The Congress participants have announced that they will undertake the representation in political arena of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF / QSD) that is comprised of youths from all Syrian peoples, has defeated terrorist forces and cleared a large part of Syrian lands of gang groups owing to their resistance at the cost of martyrs.

The Congress also called attention to the issue of migration and decided to find a way out against migration and ensure the return of immigrants. With its fertile geography and rich economy, our country Syria has the infrastructure to attain a dignified life for all the components in Syria. Determination has been manifested to develop this structure on the basis of an equal and fair sharing.

As the SDC, our working principle has a moral character which is not grounded on the reflexes and methods of any political party in Syria.

The SDC will treat the relations between Syria and neighboring countries on the basis of respect, work for peace, calm and common life, and continue its struggle in accordance with international conventions.

The SDC announces that its establishment is a moral responsibility and is no counter reflex against any political circle or method in Syria.

The SDC will give its struggle in line with international laws.

The SDC is a political, national and democratic project produced for all social and political structures that fight for the recovery of the country from the current situation and give an effort to build an alternative democratic system aiming a change.

The SDC will therefore wage a political struggle to recover the country from the spiral of violence by means of its civilian and political power and with the participation of national individuals.

Within the scope of international conventions, the Council will be in dialogue with international institutions and methods to enable the transformation of Syria and development of a pluralist and centralist system."