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Your Excellencies,

Thank you for receiving a delegation that is geared to the task of peace. I would have appreciated being a member of that delegation myself. They have my implicit trust.

In my opinion, it is important now to pick up in a positive light the initiative of the foreign ministers of the United States and Russia to hold an international conference for Syria and to establish a ceasefire in Syria. I very much welcome the fact, that the Syrian government unmistakably offered its participation in the international conference. I hope that opposition forces within Syria as well as Syrians in exile will act favorably towards this initiative as well. Therefore, it would be very useful if the Syrian government and non-violent opposition forces would enter into dialogue now. I support such a dialogue and am quite willing to travel to Damascus for that reason. Please let me know, if you see an opportunity to make that happen.

During the last month, there had been a certain change of opinion within the German Parliament, the Deutsche Bundestag. A growing number of Members of Parliament became more skeptical towards the way the military opposition is acting in Syria and thus demanded a ceasefire as well as negotiations. The Left Parliamentary Group, DIE LINKE, advocated a ceasefire based on the Geneva Communiqué and promoted a dialogue between the warring parties. We want Germany to deliver humanitarian aid neutral and unbiased. DIE LINKE stands for sustaining statehood and the national unity of Syria and promotes to overcome division based on religion. We would appreciate an exchange of prisoners of war. The Parliamentary Group of DIE LINKE in the German Parliament strongly opposes any arms supply to the conflict region of the Middle East.



Your Excellencies,

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my deepest respect and to present my political views


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