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To:

The United Nations Security Council, UNHCHR, and all other related organs of the United Nations

**PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STOP ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL TURKISH
INVASION OF NORTH SYRIA AND THE ATTEMPT AT WIPING OUT THE KURDISH
AUTONOMY MOVEMENT**

We have been shocked and horrified at the Turkish invasion, airstrikes, and shelling of Kurdish communities in North Syria. Reports from the area suggest that several dozen people have been killed, many more wounded, and tens of thousands forced to flee from their homes. This act is a violation of Syria's sovereignty, of the democratic resolution by the people (Kurdish and other ethnicities) in that area to establish a zone of peace, and of all fundamental norms and agreements on international relations to which Turkey is party.

The attack is all the more distressing because it is on one of the world's most inspiring examples of direct, socially and ecologically sensitive, and inclusive democracies; that too led by women. The Kurdish women's movement to establish such a society has inspired and helped generate similar initiatives in many other parts of the world. Their success in pushing back the violent ISIS forces has also been exemplary.

We urge the UNSC, all other relevant UN and international bodies, and independent national governments, to take urgent actions to:

- Stop Turkey's invasion and occupation in North and Eastern Syria immediately
- Establish a No-Fly-Zone for the protection of the people's lives in North and East Syria.
- Prevent further war crimes and ethnic cleansing by Turkish army forces, ISIS, El Nusra and other jihadist terror groups
- Take all war crimes and war criminals to justice
- Stop weapon trade with Turkey
- Implement political and economical sanctions against Turkey
- Acknowledge the democratic Autonomous Administration of the people of North and East Syria
- Take immediate steps for a political solution of the crisis in Syria with the representation and participation of women and people representatives from all different national, cultural and religious communities in Syria

Thanking you, sincerely,

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