

## **MGOS RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CSOs IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE VNR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

The report is a government report and not a national review and does not objectively assess sustainable development in Syria and evades the government's responsibility for the bloody conflict, and absent the main obstacles that prevent the end of the conflict such as tyranny and politicization of identity and the economics of violence and injustice, and in this context we would like to provide a different narrative to measure and evaluate the development situation in Syria: Syria is going against the direction of the sustainable development goals, and ending the conflict in a fair manner is a prerequisite for the trend towards sustainable development.

- The report misses the legal and participatory approach although it has included it in the guidelines. The role of the political authority before the conflict is absent in excluding society, the dominance of the security services, the abolition of the public space for participation, the dominance of the economic / political elite, the abolition of the role of opposition and civil society, and increasing inequality and marginalization. Which led to a broad societal movement against the existing political authority with the goal of freedom and justice.

It does not refer to the role of the government and the political authority in the conflict, and its unprecedented violations, and its central role in launching the conflict, its pricing, and wasting the elements of development. The government has harnessed national resources to support the strategy of militarizing the conflict and subjugating the population, transforming domestic and subsequently external capabilities into wasting development and violating rights. It also overlooks the loss of sovereignty over large areas of the country and the failure of the political authority to maintain safety and protect the population, and even to commit gross violations against them. Why has the government not proposed a change in power sharing, a change in the role of the security and military services, or the accountability of perpetrators of violations, and has ignored the political process or Resolution 2245?

- How do the authors of the report explain the authority's responsibility for killing and wounding hundreds of thousands, torture and kidnapping, including civilians, politicization of identity based on regions, political affiliation, cultural background, siege policies, poverty and gross violations of women, targeting the health and educational system, grave violations of children's rights in addition to the forced displacement that has pushed millions to seek refuge or Displacement? Why did Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, fail to do so?

- The report misses the conflict economies and the role of actors, including the government, in destroying infrastructure, installations and homes and diverting productive

resources towards the destructive activities of the conflict. This was accompanied by the expansion of looting, siege, smuggling, royalties, recruitment and discrimination in the form of collective punishment of opponents, and strengthening the role of the elite of the conflict. It ignores the role of actors, including power, in destroying and sustaining the environment.

- What are the conditions in the areas outside the control of the Authority? Why was not referred to the great defect and bias in statistics and indicators, including its lack of coverage of the Syrian geography? What is the interpretation of the deteriorating living conditions and the continuing violations in the areas of the Authority's control away from the sanctions?