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As you are aware of since March 2011 there is an ongoing uprising against the political establishment in Syria. According to the opposition sources, more than 140 foreign civilians and 15.000 Syrians have been lost their lives and more than 200.000 people have displaced, lost their homes and became refugees to this day.

Syrian President Mr. Bashar al-Assad, consistently denied all of the peaceful propositions, including reasonable suggestions made by the Socialist International Committee on the Arab World and still using violent methods to solve the conflict. His aggressive and uncompromising approach is leading the situation to an even greater level, including a war between the regional nations.

As CHP we are deeply concerned with the recent developments in Syria, due to fact that Turkey has got an 858 km's long border, close historic and cultural bounds with the country. For this reason, I re-propose to form a task force in Socialist International, to visit the country, contact all the sides of the conflict, empower the peace efforts in coordination with UN and Arab League. With this task force we can understand the situation from the field and empower the efforts that will lead a peaceful resolution to the problem.

To this day Socialist International showed courage to take any necessary step to solve the situation in realistic basis in your leadership. I believe this step will be a proactive and progressive initiative that will be a great addition to the efforts of the International and will help the democratization process of the Syria.

Best Regards,

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