

PROPOSED EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE E-10

Adoption - technical confirmation of extension of the Syria humanitarian cross border mechanism

Monday, 9 January 2023

Mr. President

Thank you for convening these meeting and for giving me the floor. I am making this Explanation of Vote, before the vote, on behalf of the E-10 in Ecuador's capacity as coordinator for the month of January.

2.- The E-10 reiterates its appreciation for the manner in which in July 2022 delegations rallied to put foremost the humanitarian needs of the Syrian people, adopting resolution 2642 and working together to achieve a compromise text to ensure a technical confirmation for an additional six months extension as required in the second operative paragraph of that same resolution.

3. - Furthermore, we acknowledge with appreciation the role played by the co-penholders Ireland and Norway in the last two years and commend Brazil and Switzerland for assuming the task to ensure the continuity of the critical humanitarian assistance in Syria, provided through the cross-border mechanism which is key to addressing the dire and urgent needs of the Syrian people.

4. – The E-10 looks forward to the continuing effective implementation of the cross-border mechanism as agreed, for its continuation after July 2023, and reiterates the need for the Council to also take into account the necessity of more certainty and predictability for the humanitarian organizations.

5.- To this end, the E10 will continue to play a constructive role that aims to bridge divides and identify useful compromises that advance the humanitarian wellbeing of the Syrian people.

I reiterate that the E-10's pressing interest remains the uniting of the Security Council on this issue, and on behalf of the Syrian people.

Thank you.