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Message to the Syrian General Federation of Trade Unions on the occasion of their 27th Congress, 13-16 February, 2020

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Dear brothers and sisters,

The **Syria Solidarity Movement**®, composed of union activists, peace and anti-war campaigners, academics and social justice advocates, congratulates you on the occasion of your 27th Congress and wishes to express our support and solidarity with you and all Syrians in your heroic struggle for your national, sovereign and human rights and against international imperialism and terrorism. You are an example and an inspiration to the rest of the world. Please convey our sympathy and admiration to all the families who have lost loved ones in the struggle.

Please know that we continue to participate in the struggle as much as we can. We oppose the policies of illegal military intervention in Syria and the denial of Syria's right to full independence and sovereignty over all of its territory. Please also know that we oppose the presence of unauthorized foreign troops on Syrian soil, from the U.S., Turkey and the Zionist usurpers. There are, in fact many Americans, including some members of Congress, that oppose the illegal presence of US troops in Syria, Iraq and other places where they are not welcome, and we are working to remove them, as required by international law.

Our advocacy extends to the ending of all military and nonmilitary support to the terrorist mercenaries that have been used as proxy forces by the imperialist powers. We also oppose the cruel sanctions that have been imposed upon Syria with the intention to destroy its economy. You may be sure that we stand with you in these difficult times

Finally, we wish to thank you again for your boundless generosity in receiving us at your Congress last September, which permitted some of our delegation to experience for the first time your hospitality and to witness with their own eyes and ears your beautiful country and its beautiful people. We salute you and look forward to working together with you to restore Syrian sovereignty, territorial integrity and prosperity.

With fraternal loving respect,

The **Syria Solidarity Movement**®