



## **Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses hope that Syria will continue to be a homeland for all its citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliation**



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On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation **issued a statement** on the development of the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic. The Ministry is confident that “the path to a sustainable normalisation of the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic lies in the initiation of an inclusive intra-Syrian dialogue aimed at securing national consensus and advancing a comprehensive political settlement process in alignment with the fundamental principles outlined in UNSC resolution 2254.”

The statement emphasises that Muslims and Christians have coexisted in Syria for many centuries, and “Damascus is the see of the Orthodox Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, the head of the Church of Antioch, which shares a sisterly relationship with the Russian Orthodox Church.”

“We express our hope that Syria will continue to be a homeland for all its citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliation,” Russia’s Foreign Ministry states.

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