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In Welcome News, Syrian Humanitarian Resolution of 2014 Gains Committee Approval

St. Paul, MN & Washington, DC – The [Center for Victims of Torture](http://www.cvt.org)™ (CVT) today issued the following statement in support of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee’s unanimous approval of the bipartisan Syrian Humanitarian Resolution of 2014.

“The Foreign Relations Committee’s unanimous approval of the Syrian Humanitarian Resolution of 2014 represents a strong expression of U.S. support for the millions of Syrians, including children, who have experienced unimaginable suffering, including brutal torture, imprisonment, and killings, during the violent conflict which has now entered its fourth year,” said Annie Sovick, director of CVT’s Washington office.

“We again applaud Senators Tim Kaine and Marco Rubio for their leadership, as well as all the cosponsors, for introducing the Syrian Humanitarian Resolution of 2014. This bipartisan effort is an important step in recognizing the scale of the humanitarian crisis, the depth of the suffering, and the extent of the human rights violations being committed. Among its core provisions is its call for all parties to the conflict to immediately halt indiscriminate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure and allow for and provide unfettered access to humanitarian aid for the millions of desperate people in need within Syria. Further, the resolution calls on the international community to increase investments in programs to assist children, including through counseling and psychosocial support.

“Now that the Syrian Humanitarian Resolution of 2014 has cleared the Foreign Relations Committee, we urge the Senate leadership to bring it before the full Senate for prompt approval as soon as possible.”

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