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Syria: More Needed on UN Human Rights Council Resolution

Today's resolution by the UN Human Rights Council on Syria points to the need for the UN Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court, Amnesty International said today.

"The resolution by the UN Human Rights Council underlines the need for the UN Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for investigation and prosecution of those responsible for those crimes," said Philip Luther, Interim Director of the Middle East and North Africa Programme at Amnesty International.

"The resolution effectively acknowledges there is scant hope of obtaining justice and accountability via Syria's own justice system, given what it calls 'the prevailing systemic impunity for human rights violations and its entrenchment in legislation awarding immunity for state government officials', and so the need for such a referral to the ICC is all the clearer."