

Stake-out on the situation in northwestern Syria

We, the co-penholders on Syria humanitarian, Kuwait, Germany and Belgium, strongly condemn ongoing airstrikes impacting civilians in northwest Syria, including those on medical facilities and medical workers.

We express our grave concern regarding the recent attacks on hospitals and other health facilities, including Maarat National Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in the area which serves as a referral hospital and whose coordinates had been shared through the UN de-confliction mechanism.

We underscore the need for all parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians and civilian objects, such as medical facilities and schools. We reiterate the necessity to ensure accountability for perpetrators of serious violations of international humanitarian law.

We reiterate our urgent call for the September 2018 Memorandum of Understanding on Idlib to be upheld.