A letter to our Aramean organizations

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We want to inform you that the state of Syria is preparing a new constitution. The large powers are requesting this.

We want you to be aware and prepared to be part of this new constitution because we as Arameans are the indigenous people of Syria. We don’t want to miss the train like in the case of the Treaty of Lausanne of 1923 where our people was not part of the process nor was it mentioned by name in the newly established Republic of Turkey. And same thing happened in Iraq in 2004 Historically Syria was part of our ancestral Aramean homeland.

Therefore the new constitution must recognize us as an ethnic group, not only as religious denomination, but as the original people of Syria.

Our Syriac/Aramaic language must be recognized as the second national language in the new constitution.

We want modern Syria to become a secular state because it is a multiethnic and multi-religious state. Where all groups should have equal rights regardless of who is the majority or the minority.

With our best wishes

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