

**Statement of the Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations
before the adoption of the resolution on**

“New trends in migration: demographic aspects”

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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic has reservation with the following paragraphs of the resolution:

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"The Representative of the Syrian Delegation thanked the chair of the committee and his team for their efforts and for preparing the proposed chair's text. He also asked the chair about the reason for ignoring and changing the paragraph that was proposed by the group of the G77 and China, which rightly affirmed the fact that Foreign Occupation is the main cause that forces people living under foreign occupation to be migrants and displaced. In this context, the Syrian representative expressed that the Syrian understanding of the second part of the paragraph OP6 in the final chair's text which says "migrant living under foreign occupation" is: all people who are forced to be migrants and displaced due to the foreign occupation of their homeland".