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# Annex 2: Terms of Reference

The research **focuses on the period between March – May 2025**. Limited relevant information covering **June 2025** is reflected.

### State structure and governance

- Separation of powers
- Judiciary
- Security institutions
- Major reforms affecting civilians

### Treatment of certain profiles and groups of the populations

- Individuals perceived to have supported the former government
- Individuals opposing or perceived to be opposing the new government
- Individuals opposing or perceived to be opposing non-state armed actors
- Selected ethno-religious minorities
  - Kurds
  - Alawites
  - Druze
  - Christians
  - Ismailis
  - Dom
  - Palestinians
- LGBTIQ persons
- Women
- Children

### Returnees from abroad

- Administrative requirements
- Return trends

- Treatment upon return

**Socio-economic situation with a focus on Damascus city**

Socio-economic situation and indicators are to be covered at country-level and in Damascus city.

- Economic situation at country-level
- Humanitarian situation and assistance
- Employment
- Poverty
- Food security
- Housing, water, and sanitation
- Health care
- Education

- **Mobility and admittance**
  - Freedom of movement at country level and in Damascus city
  - Information on accessibility from Damascus airport to city
  - Administrative requirements for settling in Damascus

**Security situation**

- Overview of current conflicts
- Armed actors
- International involvement
- Security situation and conflict impact on civilians by governorate

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