



## **Annex 2: Terms of Reference**

- **State structure and governance**
- Political developments
  - Political context and international relations
  - Developments in the composition and functioning of state institutions
  - Developments in the relationship between the Transitional Government and armed actors controlling parts of Syria
- Security institutions
  - Military reforms and integration of armed groups
  - Capacity, integrity and effectiveness of security forces
- Judicial system
  - Capacity, integrity and effectiveness of the judiciary
  - Death penalty
  - Prison conditions and treatment of detainees
- **Treatment of certain profiles and groups of the population**
- Individuals affiliated or perceived to be affiliated with the former Government of Syria

- Individuals opposing or perceived to be opposing the Transitional Government
- Journalists and other media professionals
- Individuals perceived to be opposing the SDF/YPG
- Individuals with (perceived) affiliation to ISIL
- Individuals fearing forced or child recruitment by Kurdish-led forces
- Individuals perceived to have transgressed religious/moral laws, norms or codes
- Ethno-religious minorities
  - Kurds (including stateless Kurds)
  - Alawites
  - Druze
  - Christians
  - Palestinians
- LGBTIQ persons
- Women and girls
- Children
- **Returns from abroad**
  - Administrative requirements for returnees
  - Return trends and conditions upon return

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

- Overview of economic situation
- Availability and accessibility of basic infrastructure, services and subsistence:
  - Employment
  - Poverty
  - Food security
  - Housing, water, and sanitation
  - Health care
  - Education

- **Mobility and admittance**

- Freedom of movement at country level and in Damascus
- International flight connections and road security
- Requirements for settling in Damascus