

WE THE SYRIANS

Appeal for Peace

- To all interested parties.

Since 2014, we, the volunteers of Operazione Colomba, have been living alongside Syrian refugees in a refugee camp in northern Lebanon. Over the past year, with their collaboration, we have written a Peace Proposal for Syria, in which they express their opinions and desires regarding the future of their country and the rights of its citizens.

In the coming months, our objective is to see this proposal presented at the highest institutional levels possible:

- On the 20th June 2017 we presented the Peace Proposal to the **Chamber of Deputies in Rome, where we have publicly launched the initiative;**
- Now, we are trying to have a group of Syrian refugees speak at a public hearing in **European Parliament.**

The war in Syria has been fought primarily on the backs of its civilians. Enough is enough.

Syrian civilians deserve the right to be present and heard in all political discussion on the future of their country, at every level of institution.

This act of justice cannot be postponed any longer.

We ask, therefore, that all those interested in being involved in this initiative contact us by email at operazionecolomba.ls@apg23.org

Additionally, **we invite you to help promote this Peace Proposal** by sharing it with your contacts and by becoming involved in whatever way best suits you, be that by organising public meetings, supporting the presence of our volunteers in Lebanon, or supporting Syrian families living in Italy and across Europe. We would like to express our gratitude for your support and we hope to meet you at some stage in the campaign for peace in Syria.

War is waged with violence, and the money which funds it. These are the cards held by the major powers in this war.

*Those who fight for peace, **a peace won not with airstrikes**, but through ideas, must play different cards; those of solidarity, the tenacity to spread new ideas and open the way for change, and a determined belief that violence is neither the best nor the fiercest way to fight for political change.*

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