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With the conclusion of today's Arab League meetings, I spoke very briefly with Qatari PM Hamad bin Jassim (who was boarding a flight and said he'd call me later) and at length with my usual Egyptian MFA contact who accompanied his minister to the meeting. I also talked with Arab League SecGen Nabil ElAraby and compared notes with the Iraqi, Omani, and Algerian FMs and the UAE deputy FM (who attended in Abdullah bin Zayed's stead, since AbZ is in Los Angeles). Most of what follows is based on the Egyptian read-out, which was quite long. To the extent that I get information that is different or important, I will update this note. There were two meetings: the Syria Committee's meeting with Russian FM Lavrov, and an Arab League ministerial. (The Syria Committee wasn't just confined to the normal six Arab members, however; ElAraby told me that 14 FMs went to the meeting with Lavrov.)

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| | meeting was apparently devoted conference. Embassy Cairo report 1. Stop violence from any social 2. Establish an independent in 3. No foreign intervention 4. Allowing humanitarian aid 5. Strong support for the missall political opposition according | orts that Lavrov enuurce monitoring mechani to reach all Syrians sion of Kofi Annan t | merated the five poi ism without any obstruct to launch a political d | nts in the media conf tion lialogue between gov | erence: |
| | ан роннсан оррознюн ассото | ang to the Imandati | e of the Arab league | and ONGA. | |
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| oarently th | nere is also an Arab League min | isterial resolution is: | sued today that inclu | des the five points o | the Lavrov- |
| ia Commit guage on | ttee press conference in the pre the abuse of human rights and t this resolution, again, reaffirm | amble. As describe the need to move al | d to me by others, th | ne resolution is strong | g, with tough |
| - | one about what happens next. lay in Syria | Basically, everyone | is waiting for Kofi Ar | nnan to report on the | outcome of his |
| - | points: First, even though the A | • | Ministers Committe | e shifted from Qatar | to Kuwait, |
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So, while I need to speak to HbJ again, it seems to me that we should try again in New York.

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