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**IRAP URGES THE ADMINISTRATION TO RETHINK STANCE ON SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**

**NEW YORK, NY** – In light of the recent chemical attacks in Syria, and the increased military involvement of the United States in the region, the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center urges the U.S. Government to immediately rethink their stance on refugee resettlement, rescind the harmful refugee ban, and expand refugee resettlement from Syria, Yemen, and elsewhere.

In his response to the chemical attacks, President Trump stated that he now has responsibility. Seeing as the Syrian conflict has caused the largest refugee crisis the world has ever seen, IRAP insists that every response to this conflict must involve a humanitarian response for the millions of men, women, and children who are fleeing terror and violent totalitarianism.

Rather than pay lip service to the plight of innocent Syrian children, President Trump should provide actual solutions for the children who have been languishing in refugee camps for years. Many refugee children have been left in life or death situations, following the President's executive order, which suspends and severely curtails the U.S. resettlement program.

**Becca Heller, Director of IRAP, said:** "The Administration has recognized the brutality of the Syrian regime and terrorist groups; it should expand its protection of Syrian civilians accordingly by expanding refugee resettlement."

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