

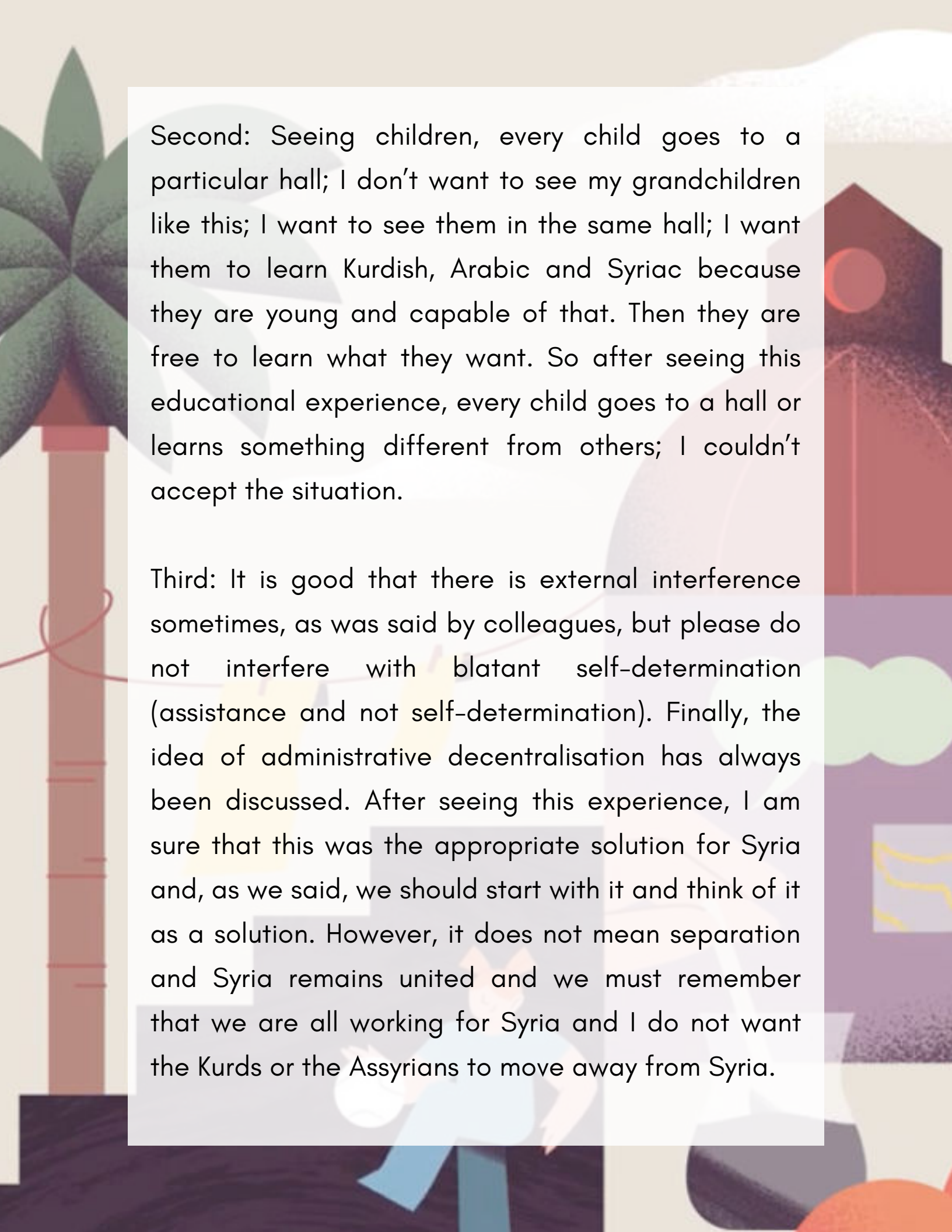
NORTH MACEDONIA: LESSONS LEARNED FOR SYRIA

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Thanks to EZKS! In fact, this is the first time that I have attended an entire trip. I benefited greatly and felt the organisation's extent, which I considered wonderful by integrating the participants into the hall with practical visits.

I will talk about three points that annoyed me a lot and made me think about the future of Syria, the identity:

First: I want us to be Syrians at the end, regardless of my "Kurdish or Assyrian" affiliation; I am not of a second degree socially; this is what we must reach at the end of this experiment, that we remain Syrians provided that all citizens are equal and there is no preference.



Second: Seeing children, every child goes to a particular hall; I don't want to see my grandchildren like this; I want to see them in the same hall; I want them to learn Kurdish, Arabic and Syriac because they are young and capable of that. Then they are free to learn what they want. So after seeing this educational experience, every child goes to a hall or learns something different from others; I couldn't accept the situation.

Third: It is good that there is external interference sometimes, as was said by colleagues, but please do not interfere with blatant self-determination (assistance and not self-determination). Finally, the idea of administrative decentralisation has always been discussed. After seeing this experience, I am sure that this was the appropriate solution for Syria and, as we said, we should start with it and think of it as a solution. However, it does not mean separation and Syria remains united and we must remember that we are all working for Syria and I do not want the Kurds or the Assyrians to move away from Syria.