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Under this broad headline are a number of topics as complex, interrelated, contradictory and unrelated as this immense humanitarian tragedy we are facing.

Exceptional humanitarian efforts are being undertaken by international, regional and national organizations, as well as by government agencies; sometimes collaboratively and sometimes independently.

This paper seeks to clarify the role of the Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs for the League of Arab States. It will focus on the efforts of the Special Envoy on behalf of the League to assess conditions, propose relevant initiatives, create partnerships, bring like-minded organizations together. It will also address the awareness raising efforts about the rights, needs and challenges facing this collective effort, as well as the successes achieved by humanitarian organizations.

It will also seek to offer recommendations based on the first-hand experiences gained by the Special Envoy from field visits and collaborative planning meetings.