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<p>This dissertation aims at exploring and theorizing the conditions and ways that enable elected members (E10) of the United Nations Security Council (the Council) to influence the Council's decisions in the context where great power struggle manifests. This study takes a case study approach focusing on the Council's engagement with the Syrian conflict in the field of humanitarian assistance, and applies the process tracing method. The dissertation consists of eight chapters. Chapter I introduces research background, purpose and methodology. Chapter II presents literature review followed by the conceptualization and analytical framework in Chapter III. Chapter IV explains the Syrian conflict and the Council's involvement, and Chapters V to VII review and analyze successful and failed initiatives of elected members to adopt Council resolutions concerning humanitarian assistance to Syria, followed by conclusions in Chapter VIII. The study argues that when P5 has the intention to engage in the Council, the E10 as middle powers or by playing a middle power role, can influence the Council. The E10 in such cases use their ability to bridge and navigate between polarized positions based on their diplomatic capabilities and determination.</p> <p>The examination was held in two parts: a public hearing and a closed session. The dissertation was appreciated as a well-researched study analyzing the numerous attempts by different penholders to adopt resolutions. The author has published a co-authored peer reviewed journal paper as the first author that satisfies the requirement for submission of the doctoral dissertation.</p> <p>Following the above examination, the Committee members concluded that this dissertation merits the degree of PhD (international cooperation studies) to be awarded to the author.</p>			