

## LAKHDAR BRAHIMI PRAISES SYRIA TRANSITION ROADMAP

Joint Special Envoy for Syria Briefed on Opposition Transition Plan

Geneva, Switzerland – On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, Dr. Radwan Ziadeh, executive director of the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies, met with United Nations and Arab League Special Envoy for Syria Lakhdar Brahimi to discuss *Syria Transition Roadmap*, a recently published report on the post-conflict democratic transition in Syria.

The report presents the recommendations of the Syrian Expert House, a group of approximately 300 Syrian human rights activists, academics, judges, lawyers, opposition leaders, members of the Syrian National Council and the National Coalition for Syrian Opposition and Revolutionary Forces, defected government officials, defected military officers, members of local revolutionary councils, and commanders of the armed opposition.

*Syria Transition Roadmap*, officially released by the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies on August 14, 2013, covers the topics of constitutional reform, political reform, electoral reform, security sector reform, economic reform, and transitional justice. The recommendations presented in *Syria Transition Roadmap* are the result of a year-long consensus-building process and the Syrian Expert House's final conclusions within the report represent the political common ground of the Syrian opposition on key issues.

The meeting was also attended by Fadel Abdul Ghany, a member of the Syrian Expert House and Muncef Khane, Director of Political Affairs in the Office of the Joint Special Representative for Syria. After receiving a detailed briefing on the recommendations presented in the report, Lakhdar Brahimi praised *Syria Transition Roadmap*, describing it as a “much needed initiative that could prove most useful to the negotiators in Geneva.”

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*The Syrian Expert House was founded in 2012 by the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies, an independent, non-governmental studies center. The Syrian Expert House was established to formulate an inclusive final vision of the transitional period and produce considered, deliberate recommendations for Syria's political future. The members of the Syrian Expert House are Syrian nationals chosen without prejudice to tribal, confessional, sectarian, or political affiliation. For more information about the Syrian Expert House visit [www.syrianexperthouse.org](http://www.syrianexperthouse.org).*