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DUTCH GOVERNMENT BRIEFED ON SYRIA TRANSITION ROADMAP

Ziadeh and Senior Dutch Officials Discuss Plan for Post-Assad Transition

Washington, DC – On March 12, 2014, [Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies](#) (SCPSS) Executive Director Dr. Radwan Ziadeh was invited to the Hague, the Netherlands by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to give a presentation on *Syria Transition Roadmap*, a document recently published by SCPSS and the [Syrian Expert House](#) detailing the Syrian opposition's vision of the post-conflict democratic transition in Syria.

Dr. Ziadeh met with senior representatives of the Dutch Foreign Ministry, including Koen Davidse, Director of the Multilateral Organizations and Human Rights Department, and Janet Alberda, Deputy Director for Africa and the Middle-East, to outline key aspects of the report, including plans for the implementation of the report's recommendations, particularly with regard to rule of law, security sector reform, and transitional justice.

Additionally, Dr. Ziadeh, who was appointed last fall as President of the Syrian Commission for Transitional Justice by the opposition Syrian Interim Government, outlined for the ministry his plans for initiating a comprehensive Syrian transitional justice program, including means for ensuring accountability. Ziadeh and the Dutch officials paid special attention to possible methods for holding perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity to account. Dr. Ziadeh also thanked the Netherlands for its continued generous support of the Syrian people.

On the same day, Dr. Ziadeh participated in a roundtable organized by The Hague Institute for Global Justice entitled "Challenges to Transitional Justice in Syria – Facing the Geopolitical Context." At the meeting, Dr. Ziadeh gave a lecture on current ideas and critical questions on transitional justice in Syria.

Syria Transition Roadmap is the result of a year-long consensus-building research process conducted by the Syrian Expert House, a group of approximately 300 Syrian human rights activists, academics, judges, lawyers, leaders of the political opposition, defected government officials, defected military officers, members of local revolutionary councils, and commanders of the armed opposition.

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