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**US SPECIAL ENVOY TO SYRIA BRIEFED ON *SYRIA TRANSITION ROADMAP*
Ziadeh Discusses Plan for Syrian Democratic Transition with Special Envoy
Rubinstein**

Washington, DC – On April 11, 2014, [Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies](#) (SCPSS) Executive Director Dr. Radwan Ziadeh met with Special Envoy to Syria Daniel Rubinstein, along with other officials in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, at the US Department of State 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 democratic transition in Syria.

In the meeting, Dr. Ziadeh outlined key aspects of the report, including its recommendations with regard to constitutional, electoral, and economic reform. Dr. Ziadeh noted that SCPSS has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Syrian Interim Government in order to immediately begin work implementing the Roadmap's recommendations on rule of law, security sector reform, and transitional justice.

Special Envoy Rubinstein praised [Syria Transition Roadmap](#) for the diverse make-up and large number of its participants and encouraged the Syrian Expert House to continue in its work introducing the Roadmap to Syrians, key foreign policymakers, and the general public.

Additionally, Dr. Ziadeh, who was appointed last fall as President of the Syrian Commission for Transitional Justice, outlined for Special Envoy Rubinstein his plans for initiating a comprehensive Syrian transitional justice program, including methods for ensuring accountability. Ziadeh insisted that the immediate establishment of a Syrian Special Court is the only means by which the ongoing cycle of impunity in Syria can be broken.

[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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