Accountability for Syria
Saturday, 23 November 2013
Oceania 2, 13h15-14h45
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Two years after the Syrian people joined the Arab Spring and Syria’s uprising was violently and brutally suppressed by the Assad regime, the crisis continues to deteriorate at a rapid pace. The warring parties are arming themselves with accelerated speed and unleashing increased levels of violence and violations of humanitarian and international law upon the civilian population. Syria is currently divided and partitioned into several shifting zones-of-control, each of which are under different levels of administration by the Assad forces on the one side, and various groups and factions fighting against them and, more recently, also among themselves. Whether these dynamics can be changed depends on breaking the expectation of impunity and rewards for violence, by building the strength of Syrian human rights activists and political actors to demand justice and accountability, and building the capacity of the judiciary and legal profession to play their part as justice-providers. This panel aims to discuss the prospects for accountability in Syria, with a particular focus on the Syria perspective and what support can be provided from the international community.

Program:
Welcome remarks from the Delegation of Italy
Chair: No Peace Without Justice
Remarks by:

- **Suheir Atassi**, Vice President of the Syrian National Coalition and Head of the Assistance Coordination Unit

- **Haytham al-Maleh**, Syrian human rights leader and former “Minister of Justice” of the Syrian National Coalition, in charge of accountability and transitional justice

- **Abdul Hadi Habal**, Syrian human rights activist and NPWJ Syria Team Leader

Interventions and discussion from the floor

Closing remarks