SYRIA: FIVE YEARS SEEKING DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

16 March 2016 13:00 – 15:00
Room XXIV, Palais des Nations

Welcome remarks:
H.E. Amb. Elisabeth Laurin, France Permanent Representative to the UN
H.E. Amb. Peter Matt, Liechtenstein Permanent Representative to the UN
H.E. Amb. Mark Matthews, UK Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN

Panelists:
Rami Nakhla, NPWJ Syria Project Coordinator
Farah Al Atassi, National Syrian Women’s Association
Salma Jalkhi, Women Now for Development
Fadel Abdul Ghany, Syrian Network for Human Rights

Respondents:
Gareth Bayley, UK Special Representative for Syria
Mouaffaq Nyrabia, Vice President, National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces
Michael Ratney, US Special Envoy for Syria

The side-event is an opportunity for a chair-moderated debate where Syrian human rights leaders and democracy activists will convey the priorities for peace from communities and civil society across Syria to the organised opposition and to the international community, as guarantors of the Intra-Syrian Geneva Talks. The discussion will address the impact on the ground of the declared cessation of hostilities, perspectives for accountability and redress for the victims as a basis for durable peace, the role of women in peace building and in Syrian political and civil society, and how documentation of past and current crimes can contribute to the negotiations.