POLITICAL SOLUTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SYRIA

21 September 2015, 13:00 – 15:00
Room XXIV, Palais des Nations

Welcome by
H.E. Amb. Maurizio Enrico Serra, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN
H.E. Amb. Peter Matt, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN

Keynote speech
Hisham Marwah, Vice-President of National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces

Discussion Panel
Samir Altaqi, Orient Research Centre
Mohammed Nehad Nader, Brigadier-General (rtd.) of the Syrian Army
Raheb Alwany, Human Rights Defender
Stephen Rapp, former Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, former US Ambassador on War Crimes Issues

This side event in the margins of the United Nations Human Rights Council addresses the issues of redress and accountability for violence, abuses and violations of human rights and international humanitarian law as an essential component of UN-led consultations and discussions, and aims to discuss some of the complex questions that this entails. The meeting also serves as a reminder of the urgent priority of reaching a lasting political solution to the Syrian war, through an inclusive and participatory process, capable to ensure redress for all victims, irrespective of their ethnic, religious and political affiliation, including through accountability processes for crimes under international law that can foster national reconciliation, ensure no repetition and an end to impunity for violations of international humanitarian law.