SYRIA AFTER TYRANNY: ACHIEVING A DEMOCRATIC AND PLURALISTIC FUTURE

25 June 2015, 13:00 – 15:00
Room XXI, Palais des Nations

Opening Remarks
Hussein Sabbagh, Secretary General of Euro-Syrian Democratic Forum
Niccolò Figà-Talamanca, Secretary General No Peace Without Justice

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

Panelists
Bassma Kodmani, Arab Reform Initiative
Amir Kazkaz, Violations Documentation Center in Syria
L. Alison A. Smith, No Peace Without Justice
Imad Al-Din Al-Rashid, Chair of the Political Bureau, Syrian National Movement

This side event in the margins of the United Nations Human Rights Council looks at the role of civic engagement, victims’ rights and accountability as fundamental requirements to ensure there can be a democratic process in Syria that can break the dual tyranny of extremism and dictatorship. Accountability can act as a beacon, shining a light through the horrors of Syria’s past and current realities, to illuminate a path towards peace, prosperity and the enjoyment of human rights for all of Syria’s people. The meeting serves as a reminder that to achieve a lasting political solution to the Syrian war, the international community must overcome obstacles to accountability and instead act upon it as a necessity for the future of Syria.