ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SYRIA: OPTIONS AND PREPARATIONS
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The situation in Syria since March 2011 is getting worse by the day: violations continue to increase in scope and intensity, particularly with the increasingly emboldened actions of the so-called “Caliphate of the Islamic State”. The dire situation for civilians is exacerbated by a culture of almost complete impunity. Almost four years since the beginning of hostilities, there are no national efforts for accountability in any shape or form and international efforts, including attempted referrals to the International Criminal Court, have been blocked, with no apparent solution in easy sight.

Eventually, there must be accountability, to respond to the aspirations of the Syrian people for justice and to provide redress for the victims and there is a pressing need to work with legitimate representatives of the Syrian people to prepare for accountability at the national and international levels, as part of a political and social transition from conflict to a viable, democratic and pluralistic State.

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Remarks by:

  • Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
  • Radwan Ziadeh, Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies
  • William Spencer, Director of Institute for International Law and Human Rights

Interventions from the floor and discussion

Closing remarks