

Statement on Geneva II Conference

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The Syrian Coalition welcomes international efforts to find a political solution to the suffering Syrians have endured for over two years. Moreover, the Syrian Coalition wants to highlight its commitment to the revolution's fundamentals and to the political framework approved on February 15th, 2013, which requires the head of the regime, security and military leadership to step down and be excluded from the political process.

The Syrian Coalition deems these goals necessary to lead to an effective political solution:

1. Halt the murder and destruction perpetrated by the regime.
2. Empower revolutionary forces to defend oppressed Syrian people.
3. Halt Iran and Hezbollah's invasion of Syria and expel them from the country.

We stress that Syrian participation is needed to set a timetable for these solutions with the international community offering binding guarantees.

Finally, for these political efforts to succeed the international community and the Friends of Syria, in particular, must uphold their commitments to the Syrian people and revolution by ensuring their right to self-defense.

We ask for Mercy for our martyrs, health for our wounded, and freedom for our detainees.

Long live Syria and its people, free and with honor.