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Syria Action Group meeting in Geneva

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Speaking at the conclusion of Kofi Annan’s Action Group on Syria Meeting, Foreign Secretary William Hague said,

“These have been difficult talks, but have resulted in a step forward that is worth having. It is the first time that the P5 and other key players have spelled out in detail what transition should look like, including a transitional unity government involving the opposition and based on the principle of mutual consent. I welcome the fact that Russia and China have signed up to this.

“Although we have made progress, it is clear that it was a compromise agreement. There were things we would have liked to see in the text that and there were other things that others couldn’t sign up to, including a clear commitment to Security Council action.

“Today’s marathon meeting is progress and demonstrates the international community’s ongoing commitment to the Syrian people.”

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