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Cairo, Egypt, April 14, 2013 – Since its inception, the Syrian Coalition has worked to achieve the aspirations of the Syrian people. Therefore, we strongly reject any position that does not reflect the spirit of Syria’s revolution for freedom and dignity. We stand against any forces that may inhibit the Syrian people’s choosing of their own future.

The Syrian Coalition is deeply concerned about recent statements regarding the affiliations and ideologies of particular factions of the rebel forces. We find it imperative to respond to these statements. The Syrian Coalition urges Jabhat al Nusra to stay within the ranks of nationalistic Syrians, to continue its efforts in fighting the Assad regime, and in supporting and protecting the freedom of all Syrian sects.

Members of the Syrian Coalition have previously expressed their rejection of the United State’s decision to label Jabhat al Nusra as a “terrorist organization.” The Assad regime has forced Syria’s peaceful revolution into an armed struggle and Jabhat al Nusra has become a part of these armed forces fighting against oppression. At the same time, the Syrian Coalition stands firm against any statements or actions that contradict the will of the Syrian people and the objectives of the revolution. Such initiatives only serve the goals of the Assad regime and harm the progress of the revolution.

On March 2011, the Syrian people took to the streets asking for freedom of beliefs, ideologies, and expression. They called for justice, democracy and equality, and this call continues today. The Syrian Coalition vows to support the Syrian people in their continued struggle for freedom and to stand against any forces that counter the noble objectives of the Syrian revolution.

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.