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Status of Turkish Road Map for Syria Transition as of August 13, 2011 at 1000 EDT

THE USE OF FORCE AND ALL OPERATIONS TARGETING DEMONSTRATORS SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.
Opposition groups report that 15 people were killed August 12 across Syria (CNN). Embassy Damascus and media sources report the following events occurred in individual cities August 12 and 13:

Hama: Media report on August 12 regime forces fired shots at demonstrators and as many as four protesters were killed. Snipers were observed on rooftops and troops set up checkpoints. (Reuters, AP)
Damascus: In Douma, regime forces killed at least two demonstrators when shots and teargas were fired into a crowd. Syrian TV reported two security force members were killed August 12. (Reuters)
Aleppo: As many as four demonstrators died August 12 after gunfire and tear gas attacks against protesters. (Reuters)
Homs: Regime forces fired gunshots to disperse anti-regime demonstrations. There were unconfirmed reports one protester might have died during the August 12 attack. (Embassy Damascus, Reuters)
Latakia: A heavy security presence was reported throughout the area, particularly near mosques. One worshipper was reportedly beaten and detained while departing Bazar mosque. Demonstrations occurred in spite of the security presence. See also below reports of military deployment. (Embassy Damascus) **Deir Ezzor:** Security forces killed one demonstrator during an attack on the Hroubal mosque and detained hundreds of protesters during random raids, including children. (Embassy Damascus)
Daraa: Security forces attacked worshippers near the Mosa Ben Naseer mosque in the Qusour neighborhood. Demonstrations took place in Kherbet Ghazaleh and Ibttaa. (Embassy Damascus)

ALL SECURITY AND MILITARY FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Latakia: Media reported on August 13, 20 tanks and armored personnel carriers were deployed around the al-Ramel neighborhood in Latakia. (AP)

THE PRINCIPLE OF "HABEAS CORPUS" SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND PROSECUTIONS SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

Demonstrators continued to be detained in Aleppo, Latakia, and the Damascus suburbs of Zabadany and Erbeen (Embassy Damascus).

PARAMILITARY FORCES SUCH AS THE SHABBIHA SHOULD BE DISSOLVED AND THEIR UNLAWFUL ACTS PROSECUTED.

Qusair: Media reported on August 13 Shabbiha gunmen entered this town, which is near the Lebanon border, and arrested residents (AP).

Nothing to report on the following items:

ALL RESTRICTIONS BEFORE THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. NECESSARY MEASURES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ACT FREELY IN SYRIA.

THE "MUKHABERAT" SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED, ITS AUTHORITY CURTAILED AND ITS ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED TO A LEGAL FRAMEWORK.

ALL PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE AND POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD BE RELEASED.

IT SHOULD BE DECLARED THAT FREE MULTI-PARTY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD BE PERMITTED AND A PLURALISTIC POLITICAL SYSTEM ENSURED. ACCORDINGLY, ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE ANNULLED.

AN INCLUSIVE MEETING WITH BROAD PARTICIPATION OF THE OPPOSITION SHOULD BE ORGANIZED IN SYRIA OR ABROAD IN ORDER TO REACH A NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON A ROAD MAP FOR THE POLITICAL REFORM PROCESS TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DELAY.

THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO CORRESPOND TO A PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM.

A CLEAR TIME-TABLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WITH MULTI-PARTY PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED.

THE SEPARATION OF POWERS SHOULD BE FULLY ESTABLISHED AND THE AUTONOMY OF THE JUDICIARY SHOULD BE ENSURED.