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The American Coalition for Syria Stands Ready to Support Syria's Transition

Washington, D.C. – February 3, 2025 The American Coalition for Syria (ACS) celebrates the historic transition unfolding in Syria following the collapse of the Assad regime. The past 54 days have marked a new chapter for the country—one that carries both immense opportunity and profound responsibility. As we move forward, ACS remains committed to supporting the Syrian people in ensuring that this transition delivers the stability, justice, and governance that Syrians have long fought and sacrificed for.

*“For the first time in over half a century, the Syrian people have a real opportunity to shape their country’s future,” said **Mirna Barq, Chairwoman of ACS.** “But opportunity alone is not enough. Stability in the short term is critical to ensuring that this transition succeeds. The foundations of a just and democratic Syria must be built on the hard-won sacrifices of the Syrian people—not squandered by political infighting or external interference.”*

The transitional government, led by interim President Ahmad al-Sharaa, has outlined a roadmap for Syria’s future, including commitments to national dialogue, transitional justice, and free and fair elections. We urge the international community to cultivate all the support needed for the new government to ensure its success in stabilizing the country and setting up the foundation for a future democratic Syria. We also hope that the new government will work with existing international institutions to establish an impartial transitional justice mechanism and provide satisfactory answers and resources to former detainees and the families of the missing.

*“As Syrian Americans, we understand the immense responsibility ahead of us to support the Syrian people in seizing this opportunity to build structures and systems that serve them, allow them to thrive, and positively contribute to the world as they envision. Ending dictatorship was the first step,” said **Wa’el Alzayat, National Coordinator of ACS.** “Now, we must help Syrians as much as we can to ensure institutional reforms, accountability for war crimes, and a clear framework for political inclusion. Stability and governance go hand in hand, and we cannot afford to leave anyone behind.”*

The coming months and years will be critical in determining whether Syria’s transition delivers genuine democracy and economic recovery or one that falls into instability. The international community has a responsibility to support this moment—not only to assist in rebuilding Syria’s devastated infrastructure but also to provide technical support to ensure a fair and inclusive political process and take the lessons from Syria to ensure “Never Again.”

ACS calls on the United States, European allies, and regional partners to collaborate to ensure that the transitional government has the legitimacy and resources to guide Syria toward a sustainable future. For now, the priority must be maintaining stability—ensuring the basic needs of Syrians are met, preventing political fragmentation, actively listening to the Syrian people, and creating the conditions for a successful transition. The Syrian people deserve no less.

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