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SYRIA
Options for a Political Transition

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necessary

Option 1

while addressing the legitimate fears and needs of Syria's many communities.

II. Acknowledgments

The Carter Center's (The Center) effort
("European Resources for Mediation Support")
Building Resource Center (NOREF). The Center's workshops have been

III. Introduction

effectiveness of internal and external checks to correct breaches

1. transitional governing body with full executive powers mutual consent establish a neutral environment
2. National Dialogue process constitutional and legislative review popular approval
Once multiparty elections

neutral political environment

constitutional and legislative review

popular approval *national dialogue process*

government's most ardent supporters. In Carter Center

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and "reform" of the current Constitution (above) is that these interim constitutional arrangements

Comparative Examples

Potential Applications in Syria

Transitional National Assembly

option 2

Rather than updating the 1950 document as noted above, other commentators urge instead "a constitutional declaration of limited power and duration... [clarifying] the government's powers,

put to a referendum."

option 2

VI. Sequencing of Agreed Steps in a Transition

Appendix I Guiding Principles for a Transition

Appendix II Aspects of the Interim Governing Constitution

Preamble

special national and regional measures

Constitution and existing laws require annulment or amendment

oversight mechanisms

"end of transition".

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I. The Nature and Aims of the Transitional Phase

Transition Phase

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territorial integrity and inviolability

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IV. Oversight Mechanism – Supreme Transitional Constitutional Court/Council

1. Composition

2.

VII. Establish a Neutral Political Environment

VIII. National Dialogue Process, Constitutional and Legislative Review

"popular approval" within 3 months.

Appendix III Electoral Principles

Election Management Bodies

independent

Central

Provincial
Precinct

funding

Central Electoral Commission

Provincial Election Commissions

the electoral commission's decisions and protocols in the presence of the electoral commission's chairman, deputy chairman, secretary or any other commission

to appeal commissions' decisions, actions or inaction;

electoral commission's chairman, deputy chairman, s

may be present during an electoral commission's session and during the voting.

in any other way from being present at the commission's activities, except in the case of

Appendix IV Decrees and Laws Relating to Emergency, Counterterrorism, and Special Tribunals to be Addressed

Background note

employees "convicted" of any act of t

Law No 20 (targeting state employees "convicted" of any act of terrorism) of 2 July 2012

Appendix V The Geneva Communiqué

Action Group for Syria

Final Communiqué

30.06.2012

III. Safety, stability and calm

