

# **PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ**

## **OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF GENEVA DISCUSSIONS**

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The participants of the Geneva International Discussions have just completed their twenty-second round.

In Working Group I, the participants reviewed the security situation on the ground and assessed it as relatively stable and calm since the last round of the Geneva Discussions. All participants reiterated the need to resume the meetings of the Gali Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM).

The participants also discussed the issue of Non-Use of Force and International Security Arrangements, including concrete proposals by participants. Following this discussion, experts continued, on the basis of a Co-Chairs' draft, work on a possible joint statement. The Co-Chairs distributed a catalogue of Best Practices on Freedom of Movement from IPRMs, taking stock of the work already done within the two IPRMs, for future discussions.

In Working Group II, the participants reviewed the humanitarian situation and reiterated the need to care for the most vulnerable populations. They exchanged views on issues related to missing persons and the possibility of organizing visits across the lines for persons affected by the conflicts. In addition, participants took part in an information session devoted to the assessment of the needs and requirements of affected populations.

The Co-Chairs will engage in intensive consultations with the participants on organisational issues.

The participants agreed to hold their next session on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013.