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**Inaugural PeaceGame to Explore Steps to “Best Possible Peace in Syria”
U.S. Institute of Peace and The FP Group Announce Collaborative Venture**

(Washington) – Governments around the world regularly devote enormous resources to conducting “war games.” On December 9 and 10, the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) and The FP Group (FP) will conduct the inaugural PeaceGame, with a focus on “the best possible peace for Syria.”

The leading minds in national security policy, international affairs, academia, business, and media will convene at the USIP headquarters in Washington to “game out” how peace can be achieved, using as much creativity and seriousness as is currently committed to planning for war. USIP and FP intend for the semi-annual PeaceGames to redefine how leaders think about conflict resolution and the possibility of peace.

Participants in this inaugural PeaceGame will begin with a discussion of potential scenarios for peace in Syria and the steps and conditions necessary to achieve it. Players then will assume roles representing different stakeholders in the Syrian war. They will explore four scenarios representing different phases of a peace process: Achieving a Near-Term Political Solution, Pacification, Transformation and Institutionalization, and Stabilization. They will formulate a prescriptive solution to the Syrian crisis and illuminate the essentials of peace. This includes enumerating the institutions and capabilities needed to achieve peace, and how thinking seriously about peace might change how national and international institutions approach their short and long-term missions.

The event is open to credentialed press. **Pre-registration for this event is required.** All credential requests for “PeaceGame” must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. EST on Friday, December 6, to the USIP Media Desk, interviews@usip.org, or 202-429-3869.

Location

U.S. Institute of Peace
2301 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dates and Times

On December 9, 2013 the event begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

On December 10, 2013, the event begins at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

Webcast

This event will be webcast live at <http://www.usip.org/current-usip-webcast>.

Video Photography

Due to the venue setup, video crews must contact Allison Sturma at asturma@usip.org or 202-429-4725 for additional logistical information.

Credentialing Policy

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