Statement by NSC Spokesperson Bernadette Meehan on National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice's Meeting with UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura

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National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice met today with the United Nations' Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura. Mr. de Mistura updated Ambassador Rice on his efforts to achieve a freeze in Aleppo and expanded on his February 17 briefing to the UN Security Council. Ambassador Rice emphasized the United States' support for a political solution to Syria's civil war and for measures that would reduce the suffering of the Syrian people.

Ambassador Rice thanked Mr. de Mistura for the renewed energy he has brought to international efforts to bring an end to the war in Syria and discussed measures that the United States and other partners could take to support his efforts.