

# CORRUPTION IN SYRIA: LESSONS LEARNED

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Corruption is the exploitation of power for personal gain and advantage, which is reflected in state structures and in turn corrupts them. In the case of Syria, this was one of the main reasons for the outbreak of the revolution.

Since corruption is an invisible phenomenon, I believe transparency is an essential cornerstone of the fight against corruption, and transparency must be guaranteed by the constitution.

Also, the establishment of an independent anti-corruption commission, giving civil society organizations and human rights organizations a leading role in this commission, and strengthening the role of the media. And that the members of the commission are specialists and professionals in the fields of management, accounting, finance and law.