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## Meetings on U.S. Train and Equip Program for Moderate Syrian Opposition

TAMPA, Fla. – As part of U.S. Central Command's efforts to implement the congressionallyapproved train and equip program for the moderate Syrian opposition forces, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Michael K. Nagata, Combined Joint Interagency Task Force - Syria Director, and U.S. Special Envoy for Syria Daniel Rubinstein, met Jan. 12-13 with a broad spectrum of Syrian opposition and civil society leaders in Istanbul, Turkey.

These meetings provided an important opportunity to introduce and discuss the U.S. train and equip program with members of the moderate political and armed opposition and to gain a better understanding of conditions on the ground in Syria. All participants recognized the need for continued focus on this important program and the need for further discussions.

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