**Embargoed to 00:01 Tuesday 15 March 2016**

**‘Syria: The Faces behind 5 Years of Crisis’**

**Photo exhibition launch at Parliament House**

On the 5th anniversary of the Syrian crisis [Government representative TBC], the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tanya Plibersek, and Greens Leader Richard Di Natale will join Australian aid and advocacy organisations in Canberra to launch a photographic exhibition documenting the experiences of Syrian people affected by the conflict.

The online exhibition, presented jointly by Amnesty International, Australian Red Cross, CARE, Caritas Australia, Oxfam, Save the Children, Transform Aid International, UNICEF Australia and World Vision, will bring stories of resilience and adversity from Syrians into Australian homes. It will also demonstrate how, with the support of the Australian community, these organisations are responding.

**What:** Photographic exhibition launch: “Syria: The Faces behind 5 Years of Crisis”. Large prints of the images from the online exhibition will be displayed on easels and representatives of Australian aid and advocacy organisations will be available for interview.

**Where:** Private Dining Rooms 1, 2 & 4, Parliament House, Canberra

**When:** Tuesday, 15 March, 7.15am (formalities begin 7.30am, one-on-one media opportunities from 7.50am)

**Who:** [Government representative TBC], the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tanya Plibersek, and the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Richard Di Natale will launch the exhibition along with representatives of all Australian aid and advocacy agencies.

A selection of images from the exhibition (embargoed until 00:01 Tuesday 15 March) are available here: [link to come]

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