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## U.S. – ARAB CHAMBER HOSTS ROUNDTABLE FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO TUNISIA

**Washington, DC** – The National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) yesterday hosted an "off-the-record" roundtable discussion on the economic and political situation in Tunisia for <u>Daniel Rubinstein</u>, a career Foreign Service Officer who has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the next Ambassador to Tunisia. The wide-ranging discussion included a review of border security, customs reform, regional integration, and higher education.

In his introductory remarks, Ambassador-designate Rubinstein expressed his appreciation to NUSACC for hosting the roundtable, saying, "I look forward especially to hearing more about what the U.S. private sector is looking at and would like to look at further in the future."

The Chamber is proud of its strong record of support for Tunisia. NUSACC was the first organization of its kind to <u>welcome</u> the news that the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet received the Nobel Peace Prize. In addition, NUSACC has recently hosted high-level events in honor of the new Tunisian Ambassador (in <u>September</u>) and Tunisia's Ministers of Finance and Tourism (in <u>May</u>) in order to introduce them to the U.S. business community. When NUSACC's President & CEO, David Hamod, led a <u>trade delegation to Tunisia</u> in March, he commented that "the Greenfield economies of North Africa offer tremendous potential for U.S. firms."

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Among the participants were, clockwise from left: Colin Rutherford, Lockheed Martin (Platinum Plus member); Kathy Bailey, King Street Strategies (first visited Tunisia on a NUSACC trade mission); Ambassador (ret.) Gordon Gray, NUSACC Executive Vice President; Ambassador-designate Daniel Rubinstein; Mariem Malouche, World Bank; and David Rochford, State Department.



The National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, widely regarded as the voice of American business in the Arab world, is in touch with business communities across the United States and serves as the U.S. point of contact for the national chambers of commerce in the 22 Arab nations. On a daily basis, NUSACC works closely with leaders throughout the Arab world, as well as high-level decision makers in the U.S. business community, public policy research centers, multilateral institutions, nongovernmental organizations, media, and the U.S. Government.