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**APLICACIÓN DE LA RESOLUCIÓN 60/251 DE LA ASAMBLEA
GENERAL, DE 15 DE MARZO DE 2006, TITULADA
"CONSEJO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS"**

**Nota verbal de fecha 6 de junio de 2007 dirigida a la Oficina del
Presidente del Consejo de Derechos Humanos por la Misión
Permanente de la República Árabe Siria ante la Oficina de las Naciones
Unidas en
Ginebra y organismos especializados con sede en Suiza***

La Misión Permanente de la República Árabe Siria ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra y los organismos especializados con sede en Suiza saluda atentamente a la Oficina del Presidente del Consejo de Derechos Humanos y tiene el honor de adjuntar a la presente una carta del Representante Permanente de la República Árabe Siria en la que expresa la preocupación del Gobierno de Siria por la inquietante y alarmante degradación del estado de salud de su ciudadano del Golán sirio ocupado, el Sr. Sitane Nimr Al Wali, detenido en la cárcel de Nafha en Israel, donde cumple una pena de reclusión de 27 años por haber rechazado la nacionalidad israelí.

La Misión Permanente de la República Árabe Siria solicita que se distribuya la presente nota verbal a todos los miembros del Consejo de Derechos Humanos para su examen y que quede registrada como documento oficial del quinto período de sesiones del Consejo.

* La presente nota verbal se distribuye en todos los idiomas oficiales. El anexo se reproduce tal como se recibió, en el idioma original y en inglés únicamente.

Annex

Sir,

I sent you a letter annexed to note No. 63, dated 6 December 2006, from the Mission, referring to the deterioration in the health of Mr. Saytan Nimr al-Wali, a Syrian prisoner who has been held in Israeli occupation prisons. I am writing you this urgent letter in order to draw attention to the deteriorating health of Mr. Al-Wali, who has been serving a 27-year sentence, in isolation cells in Israeli occupation prisons, and is presently being held at Nafhah prison in the Negev desert, for refusing to take Israeli nationality and holding on to his Syrian citizenship.

The information provided by the prisoners and detainees committee of the Syrian Golan and by Mr. Saytan Nimr al-Wali's family confirms that there has been a grave deterioration in the health of the prisoner at the Israeli occupation prison, especially since the visit which his family paid to him on 27 May 2007. His condition is extremely worrying; the prisoner is being subjected to a slow death and to deliberate negligence on the part of Israeli prison service staff. His state of health is very critical; his body shows strange signs of swelling. He can neither walk nor speak and he is being kept alive by an artificial respirator.

The prisoner's conditions of imprisonment are the result of a systematic policy by the Israeli occupation authorities aimed at the elimination of prisoners from the occupied Syrian Golan. This very difficult situation requires your immediate intervention in order to get the Israeli occupation authorities to allow a representative from the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit this prisoner, in the company of qualified doctors, to check his state of health and to secure his immediate release.

Here, I should like to mention that it was inhuman conditions of imprisonment like these that led to the death, in 2005, of Syrian prisoner Hayil Abu Zayd. A further 20 Syrian prisoners from the occupied Syrian Golan are living in the most appalling conditions of imprisonment; most have spent over 22 years in prison.

In concluding this letter, and given the prisoner's deteriorating state of health, I should like to reaffirm the need for you as President of the Human Rights Council to intervene immediately in order to save this man's life and the lives of the other prisoners. I am confident that you will use all your good offices to intervene promptly in order to save a human life. I am also confident that your efforts will produce concrete results, securing the release of this prisoner and of his fellow detainees, protecting them from inhuman conditions of imprisonment and putting an end to these violations at the earliest possible juncture. I also request that you have this letter circulated as a document of the Human Rights Council at its forthcoming session. We look forward to receiving information from you about the steps that you have taken to secure the release of Mr. Al-Wali and about the results of your efforts.

Accept, Sir, our thanks and the assurances of our highest consideration and may you long be a champion of all downtrodden, oppressed and long-suffering peoples throughout the world.

(Signed): Khalil Bitar
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