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## **Letter dated 30 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the European Union to the United Nations Office in Geneva and the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office in Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

We have the honour to address the present letter to you to request the convening of a special session of the Human Rights Council entitled “The human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic”, as provided for by General Assembly resolution 60/251, to be held on 2 December 2011, with a view to examining the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic in the light of the report of the commission of inquiry (A/HRC/S-17/2/Add.1) established by the Council in its resolution S-17/1 on 23 August 2011.

We make the present request on behalf of the States Members and observers of the Human Rights Council that co-signed the attached list of co-sponsors: Albania, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Uruguay.

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