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**Letter dated 25 November 2008 from the Representative of the Permanent  
Mission of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva,  
addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

I have the honour to address this letter to you to request the convening of a Special Session of the Human Rights Council, as provided by the General Assembly resolution 60/251, entitled "The situation of human rights in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo" to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

I am making this request on behalf of the following countries: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Please find enclosed the list of signatures of the Member States of the Human Rights Council requesting the Special Session. The signatures of other States, non members of the Council, but supporting the Special Session, are also included in the list.

*(Signed):* Christophe GHILHOU  
(Chargé d'affaires a.i.)