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## Human Rights Council Thirty-first special session 24 August 2021

### Letter dated 17 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan and the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

In accordance with the relevant rules of procedures, including paragraph 10 of the General Assembly resolution 60/251, paragraphs 119 to 128 of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, and rules 5 and 6 of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Group in Geneva requests the convening of a special session of the Human Rights Council on 24 August 2021 on the serious human rights concerns and situation in Afghanistan.

The present request has the support of both OIC and non-OIC countries that are members and observers of the Human Rights Council (see annex).

The Human Rights Council secretariat is requested to make the necessary arrangements.

*(signed)*

**Khalil Hashmi**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Pakistan  
Coordinator of the Organization  
of Islamic Cooperation on  
Human Rights and Humanitarian  
Issues

*(signed)*

**Nasir Ahmad Andisha**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Afghanistan



## **Annex**

### **States members and observer States of the Human Rights Council requesting the convening of a special session**

#### **Member States**

Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechia, Denmark, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan

#### **Observer States**

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, Djibouti, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, State of Palestine

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