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### **Identical letters dated 6 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly**

I am writing to you regarding the letter dated 29 March 2022, in which the President of the General Assembly informed Member States of the intention to convene, on Friday, 8 April 2022, an informal plenary meeting to hear an “interim oral update on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic”.

As my country does not recognize the highly politicized General Assembly resolution [76/228](#) entitled “Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic”, my letter should not be interpreted in any way as recognition of the content or scope of the resolution.

In addition, I would like to raise the following points of concern:

- The reassignment of a new date for the convening of this informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly clearly violates the provisions of paragraph 64 of the aforementioned resolution, in which it is specifically stated that the meeting must be held “by 1 March 2022”.
- According to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the functions and responsibilities of the President are to facilitate the implementation of General Assembly resolutions and not to change their content.

Accordingly, I urge you to prevent the creation of such a precedent that violates the stipulated rules of procedure, and not to hold such a meeting.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74 (c).

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