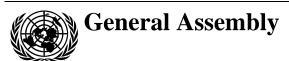
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Letter dated 17 August 2011 from the Permanent Observer of the European Union to the United Nations Office at Geneva and the chargé d'affaires a.i. Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

We have the honour to address this letter to you to request the convening of a special session of the Human Rights Council, as provided for by General Assembly resolution 60/251, on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, to be held on 22 August 2011.

We make this request on behalf of the Members and observers of the Human Rights Council that co-signed the attached list of cosponsors.*

We also have the honour to enclose a draft resolution** on the above subject.

(signed) Mariangela Zappia

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