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Dear Kyonglim,

I am writing to formally request that a Special Session of the Human Rights Council be convened. I make this request in the company of the Geneva Core Group (Germany, France, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UK, US), following the most recent deterioration of the human rights situation in Aleppo, and the failure of the Asad regime and its allies to fulfil their international human rights commitments.

In convening this Special Session, we will call upon the Council to adopt a Resolution, entitled "*The deteriorating situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, and the recent situation in Aleppo*" We will hold an informal discussion of the resolution text on Wednesday 19 October, at 10am.

I enclose a sheet with the signatures of 16 representatives of the Human Rights Council who support the calling of this session. It is important that this session takes place without undue delay. Whilst appreciating the practical and logistical challenges that a short-notice session involves, I request that the session takes place on Friday 21 October.

Yours ever,

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