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## Twenty-eighth special session of the Human Rights Council Geneva, 15 May 2018

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to inform them that on 15 May at 18:20, the President of the Human Rights Council received a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, on behalf of the Group of Arab States, containing a request to convene a special session of the Council on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, on Friday, 18 May 2018.

In order for a special session to be convened, in conformity with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the support of one-third of the membership of the Council (16 members or more) is required. The above-mentioned request was supported by the following 17 States Members of the Council: **Angola; Burundi; Cuba; Ecuador; Egypt; Iraq; Kyrgyzstan; Nigeria; Pakistan; Panama; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; South Africa; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.** The request was also supported by the following 9 observer States: Bahrain; Bangladesh; Indonesia; Malaysia; Kuwait; Maldives; Oman; Tajikistan; and Turkey.

Further to consultations with the President of the Human Rights Council, the 28th special session shall be held on **Friday, 18 May 2018, at 10 a.m.**, in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Pursuant to paragraph 124 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the President shall hold an open-ended informative consultation before the special session on its conduct and organization on **Thursday, 17 May 2018, at 3 p.m.** in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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