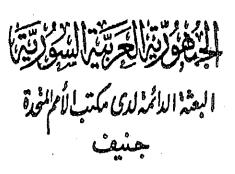
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19 October, 2011

H.E Ms. Laura Dupuy Lasserre President of the Human Rights Council Geneva

Excellency,

In reference to Human Rights Council resolution A\HRC\17\1, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the government of the Syrian Arab Republic has established an Independent Special Legal Commission with a clear and open mandate to investigate in all cases pertaining to the events that took place since March 2011 in Syria.

Consequently, the Syrian Arab Republic will examine the possibility of cooperating with the International Commission of Inquiry established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution A\HRC\17\1 as soon as the Syrian Independent Special Legal Commission concludes its work.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Faysal Hamoui

Ambassador, Permanent Representative