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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the continuing violence and human rights violations in Syria**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, welcomes today's adoption of a UN General Assembly resolution strongly condemning the continued widespread and systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Syrian authorities.

The President condemns all acts of violence and urges an immediate end to all such violence and human rights violations.

Recalling the meeting on the human rights situation in Syria that he presided over in the General Assembly Hall on Monday, 13 February 2012, President Al-Nasser stresses that today's resolution marks another important day for the General Assembly. It demonstrates the world's concern, commitment and solidarity with the Syrian people, especially regarding the protection of civilians and the overall situation in Syria. Today's development also shows that Member States, through the UN General Assembly, are willing to act to maintain stability and security in Syria.

The President of the General Assembly commends the support of the international community for the efforts and plans of the League of Arab States on Syria. This support is in line with Chapter Eight of the United Nations Charter regarding cooperation between the UN and Regional Organisations.

President Al-Nasser calls on all peace-loving nations to continue to support efforts aimed at finding an urgent solution to the crisis in Syria, including plans to host a conference in Tunisia involving countries in the group of friends of Syria.

The President of the General Assembly re-iterates his urgent call on President Bashar Al-Assad and his government to co-operate fully with the League of Arab States, the United Nations and the international community in achieving peace, stability, unity and democracy in Syria.