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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the adoption of GA Resolution 66/253B**

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

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, welcomes today's adoption of a UN General Assembly Resolution on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemning the continued widespread and systematic gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Syrian authorities and stating requirements in accordance with international law to stop the bloodshed in the country. In this regard, President Al-Nasser calls for the full implementation of the resolution.

Today's success in adopting the resolution, demonstrates that the UN General Assembly stands ready to act in the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the UN Charter. Adopting the resolution shows that the UN will not tolerate the suffering of the Syrian people. To that end, President Al-Nasser wishes to commend all peace-loving states for their support of the UN General Assembly action taken today.

President Al-Nasser notes that the Joint Special Envoy's intention not to renew his mandate when it expires at the end of this month further obliges the international community more than ever before to act responsibly without delay and to take additional measures to protect the Syrian people against the atrocities committed by the Syrian Authorities as well as preserve the unity, stability and integrity of Syria. President Al-Nasser attaches great importance as well to protecting the capabilities of the country and its long-term sustainable development.

The President of the General Assembly wishes the success of the ongoing consultations between the UN Secretary General and the League of the Arab States Secretary General on the appointment of a successor for the Joint Special Envoy. He also looks forward to the report by the UN Secretary General on the implementation of the resolution.