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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the appointment of Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi as Joint Special
Representative for 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 the appointment of Mr. Lakhadar Brahimi, as the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria.

In his phone call today with Mr. Brahimi, President Al-Nasser thanked him for his acceptance to undertake this crucial assignment aimed at ending the ongoing violence and bloodshed in Syria, including the implementation of the UNGA resolutions.

Mr. Brahimi brings to this difficult task his well known experience, credibility and diligence, President Al-Nasser wishes him success in his endeavours.

The President of the General Assembly also wishes to express his gratitude to former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for his relentless efforts in the Syrian crisis.