The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and in reference to the letter of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, dated 2 November, 2013 regarding cases of alleged disappearances, would like to bring to the attention of the Special Rapporteurs the following information provided by the relevant authorities in the Syrian Arab Republic:

Mr. Maher Fawzi al-Hamoud was arrested for participating in unauthorized demonstrations and for membership in the illegal “Sweida Coordination Committee” on the charge of colluding with other individuals and instigating illegal demonstrations and acts of vandalism, as well as his call via the internet for foreign military intervention in Syria. His case was referred to the appropriate judiciary, and he was released on 7/11/2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.