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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 High Commissioner for Human Rights (Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment), and with reference to its communication reference UA G/SO 218/2 O/SO 214 (53-24) dated 23/11/2012 regarding the case of **Mr. Muhammad Raed Al-Tawil**; would like to bring to the attention of the Working Group that the Syrian relevant authorities have confirmed that Mr. Al-Tawil has been detained for communicating with the armed terrorist groups, and has been released on 15/1/2013.

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

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