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 Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, and in reference to the Joint Urgent Appeal which was sent by the above-mentioned special procedures (Ref. UA G/SO 217/1 G/SO 214 (107-9) SYR 7/2013), dated (17/12/2013), regarding the alleged abductions of Ms. Razan Zaitouneh, Mr. Wa'el Hamada, Mr. Nazem Hamadi and Ms. Samira Khalil, would like to inform the following:

Ms. Razan Zaitouneh: She demanded foreign intervention in Syria and the occupation of its territories. Zaitouneh entered the Syrian lands illegally, and when she arrived at Douma, she was kidnapped by the terrorist armed groups.

The opponent Michael Kilo wrote an article in which he asked the terrorist Zahran Alloush to set Zaitouneh free.

Mr. Wa'el Hamada: He was arrested on 4/3/2014 for participation in riots and unauthorized demonstrations, and on the same date he was referred to the competent judicial authority.

Mr. Nazem Hamadi and Ms. Samira Khalil: The competent authorities have no information about both of them.

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, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the assurance of its highest consideration.