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**Letter dated 6 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office at Geneva, as President of the Arab Group and Coordinator of the African Group, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNOG, as Coordinator of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Permanent Representative of Cuba to UNOG, as President of the Non-Aligned Movement, addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

We are writing to you, on behalf of the Arab Group, the African Group, the OIC Group and the Non-Aligned Movement, in order to kindly request the holding of a Special Session of the Council on 9 January 2009 to address “The Grave Violations of Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including the recent aggression of the occupied Gaza Strip”.

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(Signed): Ambassador Hisham Badr  
Permanent Representative of Egypt  
President of the Arab Group  
Coordinator of the African Group  
(Signed): Ambassador Zamir Akram  
Permanent Representative of Pakistan  
Coordinator of the OIC Group

(Signed): Ambassador Juan Antonio Fernandez Palacios  
Permanent Representative of Cuba  
President of the NAM Group

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