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Letter dated 19 May 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations Office at Geneva, addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

Mr. President,

Hereby I would like to request convening of a Special Session of the Human Rights Council, as provided for by General Assembly resolution 60/251, entitled "The human rights situation in Sri Lanka" to be held on Monday 25th May 2009.

I have the honor to make this request on behalf of the following Member States of the Human Rights Council: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Mauritius, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and Uruguay.

Please find attached the list* of signatures of these Member States of the Human Rights Council. The signatures of other States, non-members of the Council, but supporting convening of the Special Session, are also included in the list.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Ambassador Reinhard Schweppe Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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^{*} Available on request from the Secretariat.