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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to inform them that on 28 November at noon, the President of the Human Rights Council received identical letters from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia containing a request to convene a special session of the Council on the human rights situation of the minority Rohingya Muslim population and other minorities in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, on Tuesday, 5 December 2017.

In order for a special session to be convened, in conformity with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the support of one-third of the membership of the Council (16 members or more) is required. The above-mentioned request was supported by the following 33 States Members of the Council: **Albania, Bangladesh; Belgium; Botswana; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Egypt; El Salvador; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Hungary; Indonesia; Iraq; Japan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Latvia; Netherlands; Nigeria; Panama; Paraguay; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Slovenia; Togo; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America.** The request was also supported by the following 40 observer States: Afghanistan; Algeria; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bulgaria; Canada; Cyprus; Czechia; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Greece; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Ireland; Italy; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Maldives; Malta; Norway; Pakistan; Poland; Romania; Senegal; Slovakia; Spain; State of Palestine; Sudan; Sweden; Turkey.

Further to consultations with the President of the Human Rights Council, the 27th special session shall be held on **Tuesday, 5 December 2017, at 10 a.m.**, in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Pursuant to paragraph 124 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the President shall hold an open-ended informative consultation before the special session on its conduct and organization on **Monday, 4 December 2017, at 10 a.m.** in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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