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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 8 February 2021 at 11:30 a.m., the President of the Human Rights Council received a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, containing a request, submitted jointly with the European Union, to convene a special session of the Council on the human rights implications of the crisis in Myanmar.

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 19 States Members of the Council: **Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.** The request was also supported by the following 28 observer States: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States of America.

Further to consultations with the President of the Human Rights Council, the 29th special session shall be held on **Friday, 12 February 2021, from 10 a.m.**

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 **Thursday, 11 February 2021, from 3 p.m.**

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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