Excellency,

I would like to inform you that, upon the request of a group of Member States, I will convene an informal meeting of the Plenary to hear briefings by Ms. Valerie Amos, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (to be confirmed); Ms. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (to be confirmed); Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and Ms. Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, concerning the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic.

This briefing will take place on Thursday, 20 February, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Your personal participation at the briefing will be highly appreciated.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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