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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly Resolution 77/230 on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, which, inter alia, "requests an informal briefing in the form of an interactive dialogue from the Secretary-General before 28 February 2023" in connection with the report of the Secretary-General on missing persons in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/76/890).

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably, for scheduling reasons, it has not been possible to organize the briefing within the mandated date. The Secretary-General remains committed to providing the briefing at the earliest opportunity and before the end of March 2023.

To this end, please rest assured that our Office is in close contact with the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General and will work with your Office to secure a date as a matter of urgency.

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

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