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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations... and has the honor to attach herewith a letter dated 04/17/2013 from H.E. Bashar Ja'afari, Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations, to H.E. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 17 April 2013

H.E Mr. Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations

Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations, New York

Letter dated 17 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

- On instructions from my Government refer to information contained in document A/67/126/Add.I, which was provided on 17 May 2012 by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic pursuant to

those who had assaulted it and arrested the person who had pulled down the Saudi flag, handing him over to the Syrian police department. Tear gas was used to disperse the crowd. The Saudi side was not informed of the outcome of the investigations because it has closed its Embassy and Consulate in Damascus.

The Syrian Government is committed to shouldering its international responsibilities. The proper Syrian authorities have established a committee in order to establish, in under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations with the Saudi Embassy, the damage caused to the Saudi Embassy in Damascus; however, that Embassy has refused to cooperate with the Syrian authorities in that regard.

The proper Syrian authorities continue to meet their obligations under international law and provide protection for and prevent any attacks on the Saudi Embassy and Consulate in Damascus, albeit those offices have been closed.

Finally, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic confirms the information which was supplied to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 17 May 2012 concerning the attack on the Syrian Consulate in Jeddah and would like to clarify, in that regard, that the note which the Syrian Consulate in Jeddah addressed to the relevant Saudi authorities, in which it expressed appreciation for the role played by the Saudi diplomatic security corps in the usual diplomatic terms, also included a request that the Saudi authorities should inform of the outcome of the investigations into the attack on the Consulate. That request has not been met.

The Permanent Mission of the Syria Arab Republic would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, and ensure that it is referenced in the report of the Secretary-General on that item.

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(Signed) Bashara'afari
Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic
New York, 17 April 2013