

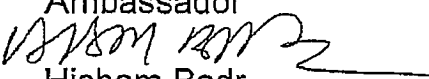
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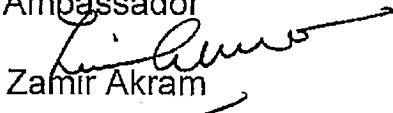
Excellency,

We are writing to you, on behalf of the Arab Group, the African Group, the OIC Group and the Non-Aligned Movement, in order to kindly request the holding of a Special Session of the Council on 9 January 2009 to address " The Grave Violations of Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including the recent aggression on the occupied Gaza Strip".

The members of those groups that are currently members of the HRC are the following: Egypt, Cuba, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Jordan, Djibouti, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Zambia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bolivia, Chile, India, Nicaragua, and *Philippines*.

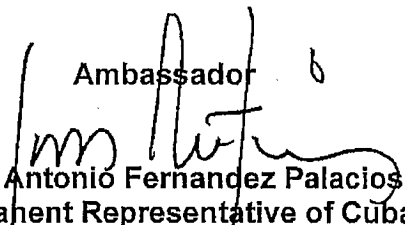
Allow us, Excellency, to renew the Group's deepest appreciation and heartfelt wishes to you

Ambassador

Hisham Badr

Ambassador

Zamir Akram

Permanent Representative of Egypt
President of the Arab Group
Coordinator of the African Group

Permanent Representative of Pakistan
Coordinator of the OIC Group

Ambassador

Juan Antonio Fernandez Palacios
Permanent Representative of Cuba
President of the NAM Group

- H.E. Ambassador Martin I. Uthman, I.
President of the Human Rights Council,