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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,  
President of the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
on the appointment of former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as  
Joint Special Envoy on the Syrian Crisis**

*Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly*

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser welcomes the appointment of former UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, as the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on the Syrian crisis, in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution A/Res/66/253 of 16 February 2012.

President Al-Nasser wishes to thank Mr. Annan for his commitment and acceptance to undertake this crucial assignment aimed at ending the ongoing crisis in Syria, including through the implementation of the UNGA resolution. He wishes Mr. Annan success in his endeavours.

Mr. Kofi Annan's well known experience, credibility and wide network of relations brings to this important assignment a great potential for success.

President Al-Nasser urges the Syrian Authorities and all other parties involved in the Syrian crisis to cooperate fully with the newly-appointed Joint Special Envoy in order to achieve a quick resolution that ensures the restoration of peace, security and national unity to Syria.