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The Human Rights Council, recalling its previous resolutions,

Welcomes the outcome of the 30 June Action Group Ministerial, which came together out of grave alarm at the situation in Syria;

Strongly deplores the widespread, systematic, and gross violations of human rights in Syria, and indiscriminate targeting of civilians by Syrian authorities,

Condemns in particular the targeted killing of children, and the fact that children have been subject to arbitrary arrest, detention, torture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence;

Deplores the alarming human rights consequences of the lack of implementation of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States six-point plan, and calls for the urgent, comprehensive and immediate implementation of all its elements without any preconditions;

Calls upon the Syrian authorities to take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian and UN personnel;

Stresses the need to conduct an international, transparent, independent and prompt investigation into abuses and violations of international law by Syrian authorities with a view to ensuring accountability, including for those responsible for widespread, systematic and gross human rights violations that may amount to crimes against humanity;

Takes note of the briefing provided by the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic during the Interactive Dialogue on June 27, 2012, and recognizes that the Commission will need additional resources in order to completely fulfill its mandate;

Calls upon the Syrian authorities to cooperate fully with the Commission of Inquiry, including by granting it immediate, full, and unfettered access throughout the Syrian Arab Republic;

Looks forward to the full COI report to be presented to Human Rights Council in September 2012; and

Decides to remain seized of the matter.