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The Secretary's Call Sheet for

Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan

Thursday, August 2, 2012

(C) Purpose of Call: Joint Special Envoy (JSE) Kofi Annan has requested to speak with you. On August 2, UN Secretary-General Ban announced that Annan has decided not to renew his mandate after it expires August 31.

(SBU) Appreciation for Annan's role, Continued Support for U.N.: The United States greatly appreciates your tireless efforts these past months to find a peaceful solution to the worsening crisis in Syria. Your creativity, your selfless devotion and your statesmanship have been invaluable to the cause of peace. I also want to thank you for the near constant contact we have maintained – not to mention the intensive engagement of our respective teams – all of which has been in the pursuit of our shared goals for a better future for Syrians and the wider region.

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(SBU) Solicit Annan's Views:

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(SBU) (IF RAISED) UNSMIS Update: I was concerned to hear about the July 30 attack against a UNSMIS convoy, and we commend the brave men and women for operating under such danger.

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(SBU) Background: Kofi Annan was appointed UN-Arab League Joint Special Envoy February 23. Despite getting initial agreement from both the Syrian regime and the opposition to adhere to his six-point plan, his efforts stalled as violence continued to escalate inside Syria. SYG Ban, in a written statement, said he was consulting with the Arab League Secretary General on the prompt appointment of a successor.