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Identical letters dated 11 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the text of the statement that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic issued today, 11 February 2020.

“The Turkish regime continues to attack the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic by deploying more of its troops in Idlib and its countryside and the countryside of Aleppo, and by targeting populated areas and some military positions in an attempt to rescue its terrorist group proxies, which are crumbling before the advancing Syrian Arab Army.

The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that it categorically rejects any Turkish presence in Syrian territory, because that constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and a blatant attack against the sovereignty of Syria and contravenes the Astana statements and Sochi understandings regarding the de-escalation zone in Idlib. The Turkish presence confirms that the Erdoğan regime does not honour any promises and continues to act like an outlaw regime.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the international community to do what is required to curb the aggressive conduct of the Turkish regime and rein in its unlimited support for terrorism in Syria and Libya. The Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that those attacks will not succeed in reviving the terrorist organizations, and that Syrian Arab Army forces will continue to pursue what remains of those organizations until they have been eliminated completely and the army retakes control of all Syrian territory.”

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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