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Letter dated 18 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters dated 13 and 16 June 2025 ([S/2025/379](#), [S/2025/387](#) and [S/2025/388](#)), I am writing to draw the urgent and grave attention of you and members of the Security Council to the blatant aggression and armed attack against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the terrorist and genocidal regime of Israel in flagrant and deliberate violation of the Charter of the United Nations and fundamental norms and principles of international law.

As detailed in the aforementioned communications, on 13 June, the Israeli regime, in full coordination with the United States, launched a deliberate, premeditated and large-scale act of aggression, effectively waging war against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This act of war included a series of targeted strikes against critical civilian infrastructure, residential areas, hospitals, the Red Crescent headquarters and, most recklessly, nuclear facilities operating under the full verification and safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). These savage and unlawful attacks not only constitute a grave violation of Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity but also represent a flagrant breach of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and a direct and serious threat to regional and international peace and security.

The situation has dangerously escalated due to mounting and undeniable evidence of direct United States involvement in this unlawful campaign of aggressive war against Iran. Explicit statements and provocative actions by senior United States officials, including a brazen threat to assassinate the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the President of the United States and open threats to launch strikes against Iran's safeguarded nuclear facilities, point to coordinated complicity in acts of war and state-sponsored aggression and terrorism at the highest levels. These reckless and inflammatory statements, especially when issued by the Head of State of a permanent member of the Security Council, constitute a grave and flagrant violation of international law, including Article 2 (4) of the Charter, the sovereign equality of States, and the inviolability and immunity of Heads of State under customary international law. These unlawful threats and actions must be condemned in the strongest terms and addressed by the Security Council with the utmost urgency, before they further destabilize the region and erode the very foundations of the Charter.

In light of these grave developments and especially the humanitarian consequences of the Israeli aggression, we request the immediate convening of an



emergency meeting of the Security Council under the relevant provisions of the Charter to urgently consider the situation and fulfil the Council's responsibilities under Chapter VII.

The Security Council cannot remain a passive bystander. It has a legal obligation under Article 39 of the Charter to determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression, and act accordingly to maintain or restore international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran urges the Security Council to immediately fulfil its primary responsibility under Chapter VII of the Charter, including by:

- Condemning and rejecting the unlawful use of force against Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity and people in violation of international law and the Charter, particularly Article 2 (4)
- Recognizing the imposed war by Israel against Iran as aggression
- Preventing further aggression, including any involvement by external powers in a war of aggression against Iran
- Demanding an immediate end to Israel's aggression
- Taking binding enforcement measures to compel the aggressor to halt its violations.

Similarly, the Secretary-General, pursuant to Article 99 of the Charter, also has a clear legal, political and moral responsibility to act without delay. The Secretary-General must bring this matter before the Security Council as a threat to the maintenance of international peace and security, condemn the ongoing aggression in the strongest terms and work actively to prevent further aggression, including any involvement by external powers in a war of aggression against Iran.

Failure to act at this pivotal and perilous moment would constitute a profound abdication of the Security Council's responsibilities and a grave betrayal of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Such inaction would embolden the aggressor to commit further aggression, erode the credibility and authority of the United Nations and signal to the international community that impunity is tolerated even in the face of the most egregious violations of international humanitarian law. The international community must not remain silent as crimes of aggression are committed in broad daylight, as international humanitarian law is systematically violated and as peaceful nuclear facilities operating under IAEA safeguards come under direct attack. This is a test of the Security Council's resolve and of the international community's commitment to uphold the rule of law instead of rule of force. Failure to meet this test would have far-reaching and irreversible consequences for international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its inherent right, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, to self-defence to protect its sovereignty, territorial integrity, the Iranian people and its vital national interests against this ongoing aggression. Iran will continue to exercise this right as long as the Security Council fails to discharge its primary responsibility under the Charter and until the Israeli aggression is fully terminated.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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