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Letter dated 15 December 2020 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

I am writing to you regarding the systematic disinformation campaign carried out by certain regimes against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The United States, in addition to its deep addiction to imposing inhumane sanctions on nations resisting its unjust policies, is also deeply addicted to spreading disinformation and unfounded accusations against such nations.

Consequently, Iranophobic campaigns, including through the widespread systematic dissemination of disinformation and baseless allegations against Iran have always been one of the main elements of the common strategy of the United States and the Israeli regime towards the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Their main objective is indeed to distract attention from the hostile and hegemonic policies that they pursue, particularly in the Middle East, inter alia through occupation, aggression and oppression, as well as sowing the seeds of hatred and division between and among the Muslim nations in the region.

To that end, in addition to using western media, they also abuse the process of international organizations, particularly the United Nations. For instance, in the year 2020, the representatives of the United States and the Israeli regime have missed no opportunity for Iran-bashing and raising baseless allegations against my country in the Security Council.

Hereby, I categorically reject all such allegations and disinformation by the United States, raised including in the Council meetings of 9 January (S/PV.8699), 21 January (S/PV.8706), 18 February (S/PV.8725), 25 February (S/PV.8732), 16 April (S/2020/313), 27 May (S/2020/465), 21 July (S/2020/736), 29 July (S/2020/758), 19 August (S/2020/823), 25 August (S/2020/837), 26 August (S/2020/845), 10 September (S/2020/902), 18 September (S/2020/936), 24 September (S/2020/953), 18 November (S/2020/1128) and 24 November 2020 (S/2020/1144), and a statement by the representative of that country (S/2020/805) in explanation of the vote on the draft resolution submitted to the Council (S/2020/797), as well as the letters dated 20 August (S/2020/815) and 21 August 2020 (S/2020/822) from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General, respectively.

Seizing this opportunity, I would also like to categorically reject all allegations and disinformation carried out by the Israeli regime, including in the meetings of the



Security Council of 21 January (S/PV.8706), 22 January (S/PV.8706 (Resumption 1)), 23 April (S/2020/341), 27 May (S/2020/465) and 21 July 2020 (S/2020/736), as well as the letters dated 19 April (S/2020/318), 22 May (S/2020/433) and 24 November 2020 (S/2020/1140) of the representative of that regime.

Likewise, I should categorically reject similar allegations by the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations raised in the meetings of the Security Council of 10 January (S/PV.8699 (Resumption 1)) and 21 July 2020 (S/2020/736), as well as those contained in the letter dated 9 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2020/788). It is well documented that terrorist and extremist groups are mainly sponsored by some of the Persian Gulf countries.

Further, as the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, in his statement to the Council of 20 October 2020 on "Maintenance of international peace and security: comprehensive review of the situation in the Persian Gulf region", used a fake name instead of "the Persian Gulf", I must stress once again that the "Persian Gulf" is the only true geographical designation for the body of water lying between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, which has been used since the dawn of history. As the institutional memory of all renowned cartographic agencies testifies, this sea area has always been identified as the "Persian Gulf" and should therefore be respected by all.

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

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