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Letter dated 27 November 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 inform you that today, 27 November 2020, in Absard city of Tehran Province, Mr. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a prominent Iranian scientist, was assassinated in a terrorist attack. One of the latest services of Martyr Fakhrizadeh was his outstanding role in the development of the first indigenous coronavirus disease (COVID-19) test kit, which is a great contribution to our national efforts in curbing the COVID-19 pandemic at a time when Iran is under inhumane sanctions of the United States, strictly preventing our access to humanitarian goods, including medicines and medical equipment. He was also supervising the development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Over the current decade, several top Iranian scientists have been targeted and assassinated in terrorist attacks, and our firm evidence clearly indicates that certain foreign quarters have been behind such assassinations. The cowardly assassination of Martyr Fakhrizadeh – with serious indications of Israeli responsibility in it – is another desperate attempt to wreak havoc on our region, as well as to disrupt Iran's scientific and technological development. However, during the past 40 years no amount of pressure and terrorist attacks have been able to prevent us from achieving the science and technology needed for our socioeconomic development.

Warning against any adventurist measures by the United States and Israel against our country, particularly during the remaining period of the current Administration of the United States in office, the Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its rights to take all necessary measures to defend its people and secure its interests.

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the criminal assassination of Martyr Fakhrizadeh and expects the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council to strongly condemn this inhumane terrorist act and take the necessary measures against its perpetrators.

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

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Ambassador
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