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Letter dated 8 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you to bring to your kind attention the repeated threats by the Israeli regime to use force against the Islamic Republic of Iran, which have reached an alarmingly unprecedented level.

In recent years, a number of officials of the Israeli regime have repeatedly threatened Iran, including with nuclear annihilation (see [S/2018/1156](#)), blocking, “by any means”, of Iranian petroleum shipping (see [S/2019/241](#)) and taking “whatever action is necessary” against Iranian peaceful nuclear facilities (see [S/2019/573](#)).

On 29 September 2020, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister of the Israeli regime threatened Iran with a “pre-emptive strike” and stated that “we are not ruling out a preliminary strike”.¹

The aforesaid provocative statement is “inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations” and a blatant violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations, which prohibits the threat or use of force.

Such provocative warmongering declarations need to be strongly condemned by the international community, and the Israeli regime must be compelled to put an immediate end to all of its dangerous provocations and destabilizing practices. The Security Council must also hold the Israeli regime accountable for all of its wrongful acts, which are posing a threat to international peace and security.

While rejecting such provocations and seriously warning the Israeli regime about taking any measure against my country, it must be stressed that the Islamic Republic of Iran would not hesitate to exercise its inherent right to self-defence, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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

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¹ See <https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/202009291080608977-netanyahu-not-ruling-out-preemptive-strike-against-iran/>.

