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## **Letter dated 12 June 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**

Pursuant to my letters dated 5 December 2019 (A/74/575-S/2019/928) and 23 May 2019 (A/73/885-S/2019/429) regarding violations of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) and the Charter of the United Nations by the United States of America, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

On 27 May 2020, the United States announced that it would unilaterally sanction “all remaining Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action-originating nuclear projects in Iran – the Arak reactor conversion, the provision of enriched uranium for the Tehran Research Reactor, and the export of Iran’s spent and scrap research reactor fuel”, and set a 60-day ultimatum for “companies and entities involved in these activities to cease their operations” or face punishment. Likewise, it extended its unlawful sanctions to two Iranian persons and threatened to impose additional sanctions on “Iran’s nuclear personnel” and scientists engaged in Iran’s peaceful nuclear programme.<sup>1</sup>

These actions, as well as previous malign conducts of the United States – in particular, the designation of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran and its Head, Ali Akbar Salehi (31 January 2020),<sup>2</sup> sanctioning the cooperation and activities between Iran and other countries regarding natural uranium and heavy water (3 May 2019)<sup>3</sup> and Fordow (18 November 2019)<sup>4</sup> – are intended to substantially prevent Iran, other participants of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and the international community from implementing their commitments and obligations under resolution 2231 (2015).

Those projects constitute an essential part of resolution 2231 (2015), and the Security Council acting under Article 41 of the Charter has authorized their implementation.

<sup>1</sup> [www.state.gov/keeping-the-world-safe-from-irans-nuclear-program/](http://www.state.gov/keeping-the-world-safe-from-irans-nuclear-program/).

<sup>2</sup> [www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20200130.aspx](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20200130.aspx).

<sup>3</sup> [www.state.gov/advancing-the-maximum-pressure-campaign-by-restricting-irans-nuclear-activities/](http://www.state.gov/advancing-the-maximum-pressure-campaign-by-restricting-irans-nuclear-activities/).

<sup>4</sup> [www.state.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeo-remarks-to-the-press/](http://www.state.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeo-remarks-to-the-press/).



“The supply, sale, or transfer of items, materials, equipment, goods and technology, and the provision of any related technical assistance, training, financial assistance, investment, brokering or other services ... directly related to ... the modernization of the Arak reactor” are authorized in accordance with annex B to resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#). Moreover, the supply of “a quantity of 19.75% enriched uranium oxide (U3O8) ... exclusively for the purpose of fabrication in Iran of fuel for the Tehran Research Reactor and enriched uranium targets for the lifetime of the reactor” is guaranteed in its annex A.

The recent unilateral sanctions of the United States not only flout the overall approach and objectives of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), but also utterly violate its paragraph 1, which endorses the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and paragraph 2, which calls upon all Member States to support it and refrain “from actions that undermine implementation of commitments”. They defy the Charter and prevent the implementation of relevant nuclear-related provisions of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) by Member States, including the Islamic Republic of Iran. As such, the United States shall bear full responsibility for the consequences of its unlawful acts.

It is expected that the above-mentioned instances of United States violations of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) will be thoroughly addressed in the next report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution.

It would be appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 83, and of the Security Council.

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