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Letter dated 15 September 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, on 14 September 2020, the President of the United States of America, referring to “press reports”, made a baseless allegation against the Islamic Republic of Iran¹ and threatened to use force against my country.² Hours later, he repeated the same threat.³

Such a provocative statement constitutes a gross violation of the very fundamental principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly its Article 2 (4), which clearly prohibits the threat or use of force.

This is not the first time that the President of the United States has threatened to use force against Iran. Following the horrific assassination of Major General Qasem Soleimani, the Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3 January 2020 (see S/2020/13), and from 3 to 5 January 2020, he threatened on five different occasions to use force against Iran (see S/2020/16). We seriously warn about any further military adventurism against Iran by the United States, which must bear the full responsibility for all consequences.

The irresponsible policies and unlawful practices of the United States pose a serious threat to international peace and security. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Security Council to demand that the United States put an end to its threats and unfettered policies and hold that country accountable for its wrongful acts.

The Islamic Republic of Iran will not hesitate to exercise its inherent right to self-defence to protect its people, defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and secure its national interests against any aggression.

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://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1305704028563595264>.

² See <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1305704032988622848>.

³ See <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-issues-stark-warning-to-iran-after-reports-of-plot-to-assassinate-us-ambassador>.

