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## **Letter dated 21 June 2022 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 with reference to resolution 8749 of the League of the Arab States dated 9 March 2022, which is annexed to the letter dated 28 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council ([A/76/826-S/2022/372](#)).

The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns and categorically rejects the aforementioned resolution in its entirety as well as the unjustified and baseless allegations against it contained in the aforementioned resolution.

This is yet another desperate attempt made by certain member States of the Arab League to further their destructive and sinister ambitions through abusing the banner of regional or transregional organizations.

As in the past, those States have resorted to lies, fabrications and false accusations against my country, which is nothing more than a reflection of their Iranophobic stances.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the resolution's content to be an interference in its internal affairs, which is a gross violation of not only the Charter of the United Nations but also the principles of international law, in particular the principles of good neighbourliness and non-interference in the domestic affairs of other sovereign States.

It is extremely disappointing that a regional organization such as the Arab League, which should have focused its mandate on enhancing regional peace and security, has strayed from its primary mandate in order to advance certain illegitimate objectives by spreading fabrications against other sovereign States.

Iran is committed to its international obligations and has never engaged in any activity in the region that breaches its obligations.

Iran's foreign policy is based on full respect for international law, mutual respect, good neighbourliness, cooperation and dialogue as well as maintaining regional peace and security. We are determined to pursue this policy in good faith.



Our recent constructive engagement with the United Nations to support the truce agreement in Yemen as well as its extension is a clear manifestation of this approach.

The Islamic Republic of Iran once again reiterates its sovereignty over the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb in the Persian Gulf and emphasizes that the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of Iran over the said islands are non-negotiable. As a result, the resolution's unsubstantiated allegations concerning the Iranian islands are considered an interference in Iran's domestic affairs, which violates international law and the Charter, particularly the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of States enshrined in the Charter.

Regarding the use of a fictitious name for the Persian Gulf in the aforesaid resolution, I would like to reiterate that the term "Persian Gulf" is the only genuine and valid geographical designation for the body of water that lies between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, as it has been used since the beginning of time. As all reputable cartography organizations' institutional memory attests, this marine area has traditionally been recognized and referred to as the "Persian Gulf", which must be respected by all.

The Islamic Republic of Iran also rejects any allegation against its peaceful nuclear activities, which are entirely consistent with its rights and obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency's safeguards agreement. As a responsible member of the Treaty, the Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to the principle of collaboration with the Agency and has fulfilled all of its obligations under the Treaty and the comprehensive safeguards agreement.

The Islamic Republic of Iran further categorically rejects the aforementioned resolution's fabrications and allegations against it related to the alleged breach of Security Council resolutions [2216 \(2015\)](#) and [2231 \(2015\)](#). It is obvious that certain States are attempting to divert attention away from their aggressive and destabilizing activities in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East as a whole by disseminating disinformation and crafting spurious claims against Iran.

Finally, I must reiterate that the establishment of friendly relations and peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries has always been Iran's top priority. We will continue to pursue our security, stability and prosperity within the framework of a strong region, which can be materialized only through a genuine dialogue as well as active and constructive engagement of all regional countries based on mutual respect, inclusivity and the basic principles of international law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

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