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## Letter dated 19 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 17 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2022/771) regarding the illusory relationship between the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in Ukraine and Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), without prejudice to the false nature of establishing such a relationship, I would like to reiterate the principled position of the Islamic Republic of Iran and categorically reject the unfounded allegation that Iran has supplied unmanned aerial vehicles for use in the conflict in Ukraine. It is regrettable that Ukraine overlooks Iran's impartial position on the conflict in Ukraine and continues to base its claims and false statements on unsubstantiated "public information".

The above-mentioned letter seeks to pursue a certain political agenda by arbitrarily disseminating technical misinformation and misleading interpretations of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) to wrongly establish a link between Ukraine's baseless allegations against Iran and resolution 2231 (2015), aimed at manipulating the Secretariat to advance its political agenda.

Therefore, reiterating Iran's principled position vis-à-vis the conflict in Ukraine, I draw your kind attention to the following:

- The issues related to the use of any conventional weapons in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine are completely irrelevant to Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) and its annex B.
- Restrictions specified in paragraph 6 (b) of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) terminated in October 2020. Since then, none of Iran's "supply, sale or transfer of arms or related material" to other countries falls under resolution 2231 (2015).
- Ukraine's claim regarding paragraph 4 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) is an inaccurate and arbitrary interpretation of the letter and spirit of that paragraph. Paragraph 4 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) clearly refers to restrictions on "items, materials, equipment, goods and technology that the State determines could contribute to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems".
- Iran has never supplied, nor does it intend to supply, items, materials, equipment, goods or technology that it determines could contribute to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems, particularly in this case to a



nuclear-weapon State that is not in need of such items, materials, equipment, goods or technology for the delivery of its nuclear weapons.

- The offer by Ukraine to United Nations experts to visit the country to inspect recovered unmanned aerial vehicles “in order to facilitate the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)” lacks any legal foundation under resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and the relevant note by the President of the Security Council ([S/2016/44](#)). Thus, any recourse to functions specified in note [S/2016/44](#) would be wrongful, illegal and ultra vires and should be strongly rejected. Iran respectfully requests the Secretary-General to prevent any misuse of the 2231 format and the Secretariat in connection to the issues related to the conflict in Ukraine.

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

(*Signed*) Amir Saeid **Iravani**  
Ambassador  
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