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In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

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Excellency,

I am writing to you in response to the letters dated 6 December 2022 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, respectively (S/2022/913- S/2022/914), in which the representatives of these two countries have once again strived desperately in a concerted attempt with the representative of the United Kingdom (S/2022/908) to level false and repeated claims against Iran about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The unfounded claims in the letters are identical and clearly consistent with previous ones (S/2022/908, S/2022/771, S/2022/781, S/2022/782), revealing that the authors of the aforementioned letters have made every deceptive and political effort, including disseminating undocumented and inaccurate information while also resorting to lies as well as completely flawed, arbitrary and misleading interpretations of Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) and its Annex B, to establish an entirely false and unrelated linkage between that resolution and the usage of unmanned aerial vehicles in Ukraine's ongoing conflict. This is all done in order to legitimize their unfounded claims against my Country and further their political agendas.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the unfounded claims in the aforementioned letters and has stated on numerous occasions, including in its letters dated 19 and 24 October, as well as 6 December 2022 (S/2022/776 - S/2022/794), addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, that such baseless claims are completely irrelevant to Security Council Resolution 2231 and its Annex B.

Similarly, the claims in the aforementioned letter regarding "similar visits to other countries by the Secretariat to examine evidence of potential violations of resolution 2231," which refer to Ukraine's request to do the same, not only have nothing to do with the Secretariat mandate but also lack any legal foundation under resolution 2231 and the relevant Note by the President of the Security Council (S/2016/44). This so-called "precedent", which is obviously an ultra vires, has been consistently objected to as an illegal and unfounded practice by Iran and some United Nations Security Council members, and the Secretariat has been warned of the consequences of disregarding its mandate on this issue as well as the adverse consequences of misusing format 2231 to further the political agendas of certain Member States.



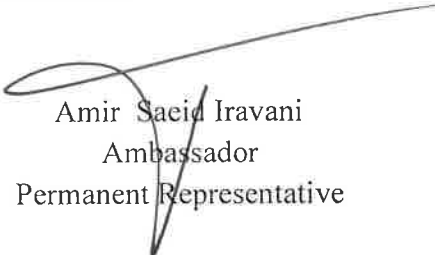
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The Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, kindly requests the Secretary-General to prevent any misuse of format 2231 and the Secretariat in connection with the issues related to the conflict in Ukraine.

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

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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