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

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Excellency,

With deep sorrow, I wish to bring to the attention of the United Nations Secretary-General and members of the Security Council another heart-wrenching terrorist attack that occurred in Iran today on 3 January 2024. This reprehensible act, characterized by two terrorist explosions near the burial site of Iran's General Qassem Soleimani in the city of Kerman during a ceremony marking his fourth martyrdom anniversary, deliberately targeted innocent people. Presently, it has resulted in the martyrdom and grievous loss of at least 103 lives, including children and women, and has left 211 others injured, some in critical condition.

Comprehensive investigations are currently underway to identify and apprehend the perpetrators and organizers behind this premediated and appalling crime. Concurrently, the Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to leveraging all available mechanisms to ensure accountability for those responsible and their accomplices in this heinous terrorist act.

The Islamic Republic of Iran unequivocally condemns such abhorrent acts of terrorism and remains steadfast in the pursuit of justice for the victims. We urgently implore the Secretary-General and the Security Council to condemn this horrific terrorist attack unequivocally. This request aligns with the Secretary-General's unwavering stance and the established practice of the Security Council in unequivocal condemnation of terrorism and recognition of it as a grave threat to international peace and security through resolutions.

As one of the primary victims of terrorism and having directly experienced its catastrophic consequences, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains steadfast in its unwavering commitment to leading the fight against this scourge.

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



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

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