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

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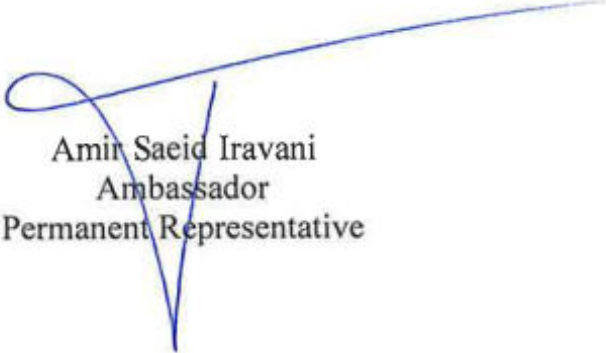
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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from His Excellency Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you regarding the ongoing catastrophic situation in the Gaza Strip.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly under item 35 "Question of Palestine" and item 72(b) "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

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



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Excellency,

With the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan and the UN Security Council's ongoing inability to stop the war in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank due to the United States' intentional and shameful use of the veto, which prevents the Council from taking any meaningful and effective action, it is urgent and necessary for the international community to find workable solutions to these dire circumstances and take serious measures to support the Palestinian people by immediately ending the military attacks against the Gaza Strip.

The continued genocide in the Gaza Strip and Rafah, as well as war crimes in the West Bank, the Israeli regime's blockage of humanitarian aid and food to the Gaza Strip, and its use of starvation as a method of warfare against Gaza's inhabitants to continue the genocide and to destroy women and children, are all startling signs that have sounded the alarm on the most unprecedented human disaster of this century.

It is now crystal clear that one of the dangerous goals of the Israeli regime in completely besieging the Gaza Strip and preventing the delivery of immediate and adequate humanitarian aid is to create conditions for social and civil collapse, to destroy all signs of Palestinian life and identity, and to forcibly transfer the residents of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to the neighboring countries. This demonstrates once again that the criminal Israeli regime deliberately pursues the policy of total annihilation of the "Palestinian nation and its identity".

The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns the Zionist regime's actions in dividing the north and south of the Gaza Strip, using starvation to force people to flee the north of Gaza, planning attacks on Rafah, preventing people from returning to their homes in Gaza and denying relief agencies, including those affiliated with the United Nations, access to all residents of this region. Iran considers preventing the exacerbation of this disaster as the most immediate responsibility of the international community and international organizations, most especially the United Nations.



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Following the killing of more than 31,000 Palestinian citizens in recent months, the Israeli regime intends to collectively, deliberately, and painfully kill the remaining Gaza residents by preventing the supply of immediate humanitarian aid and food to the Strip. As a result, it is expected that your Excellency, as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, will once again invoke Article 99 of the United Nations Charter and other envisaged mechanisms to avert this human disaster of the contemporary century from occurring.

On the first day of this holy month of Ramadan, yet again, I would like to reiterate the need to take effective measures to prevent the Israeli occupying regime from possibly committing further aggressive actions and assaults in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and against the Palestinian worshipers during this holy month.

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

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian

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