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

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Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to you to address the Israeli regime's flagrant violations of international law and norms, perpetrated by committing internationally wrongful acts and acts of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran for more than four decades, exemplified by its sustained campaign of targeted assassinations and terrorist acts against Iranian nuclear scientists, military advisors, diplomatic premises, and representatives as well as its sabotage in peaceful nuclear facilities. These unlawful and criminal acts which were perpetrated both within Iran and outside its borders, began with the abduction of four Iranian diplomats in southern Beirut, Lebanon, on 4 July 1982. Most recently, this pattern of aggression has come to include the terrorist attack employing explosive devices against Iran's Ambassador to Lebanon on 17 September 2024, the criminal assault on 1 April 2024, where Israel attacked Iranian diplomatic and consular premises in Damascus, the Arab Republic of Syria and was followed by Israel's acts of aggression on 26 October 2024 against Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity in a gross violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. A detailed, though non-exhaustive, list of 61 Iranian nationals, including nuclear scientists, diplomatic representatives, military advisors, and members of the armed forces who were martyred by the Israeli regime, is provided in the attached annex.

The targeting and assassinating of Iranian nationals, particularly those engaged in scientific, diplomatic, and defense tasks, is a gross violation of Iran's sovereign rights and a serious and flagrant breach of the basic norms and principles of international law and the UN Charter, in particular the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. Article 2(4) of the UN Charter clearly prohibits the use or threat of force against the territorial integrity or political



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independence of any state. Furthermore, the systematic campaign of assassinations pursued by the Israeli regime also contravenes international humanitarian law and human rights norms. These murders and terrorist acts are unlawful, targeted assaults that constitute grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which safeguards the right to life. The murdering of Iranian nationals in targeted attacks, carried out covertly by a terrorist regime notorious for its malicious activities in threatening regional peace and stability goes far beyond isolated incidents. This is well exemplified by the Israeli regime's constant atrocities against the people of the nations in the region as we now witness in Gaza and Lebanon.

Despite repeated, documented reports from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran detailing these egregious violations, the international community, particularly the UN Security Council has yet to take concrete action to hold the perpetrators accountable for this ongoing pattern of aggression. Such inaction not only emboldens further violations but also erodes the credibility and core principles of international law upon which the United Nations was founded. In addition, allowing a terrorist regime to openly target and assassinate the citizens of a sovereign state without facing any consequences sets a dangerous precedent that threatens global peace and stability. United Nations bodies are entrusted with the authority and mandate to address these violations, take preventive measures against such unlawful acts, and hold those responsible accountable for their unlawful actions.

The obligations of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards its citizens, require it to take all necessary measures to protect its nationals, interests, and sovereignty, including exercising its inherent right to self-defense as ensured in the Charter of the United Nations. Meanwhile, the Islamic Republic of Iran requests the Security Council to live up to its responsibility under the UN Charter to take necessary measures to ensure Israel ceases its internationally wrongful acts and respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other UN member states. Moreover, the Islamic Republic of Iran calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that all of the aforementioned violations committed by Israel are thoroughly documented in relevant reports to the General Assembly, Security Council, and Human Rights Council.



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I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council and that of General Assembly under the agenda items 82 titled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", 84 on the Rule of Law at the national and international levels and 110 titled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism".

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

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