



*In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful*

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Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from His Excellency Mr. Amin Hossein Rahimi, Minister of Justice of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairman of the National Body for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, addressed to Your Excellency regarding the blatant violations of children's rights during Israel's 12-day armed aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, which started on 13 June 2025.

The attached letter highlights that throughout the widespread aggression by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, public spaces, private residences, civilian facilities, national infrastructure, including hospitals, the Iranian Red Crescent, orphan care centers, and media broadcasting headquarters, were subjected to indiscriminate and destructive attacks, suffering extensive damage.

Accordingly, 1,100 innocent civilians—including 132 women and 45 children—have lost their lives, and 5,750 others have sustained injuries. Numerous families have been torn apart, leaving many children without guardians. These attacks constitute grave violations of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, including international humanitarian law.

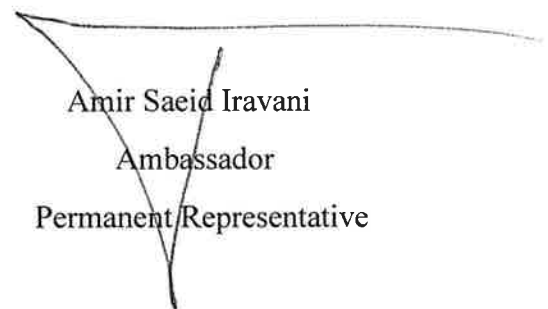
The letter emphasizes that the Convention on the Rights of the Child also requires observing international humanitarian law in respect of children, as the most vulnerable and innocent victims of armed conflicts. These attacks on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran have contravened numerous rights of the child, as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



The silence and passivity of multilateral international organizations in condemning the Israeli regime's aggression are not accepted, as such indifference and passivity contribute to the growing erosion of trust in these institutions. The Islamic Republic of Iran urges UNICEF and other relevant international bodies to undertake immediate and coordinated measures to safeguard the security, well-being, rights, and dignity of all, particularly children.

The letter in the original language, as well as the list of names and details of the children whose innocent lives were claimed by the Zionist aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, are also attached.

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



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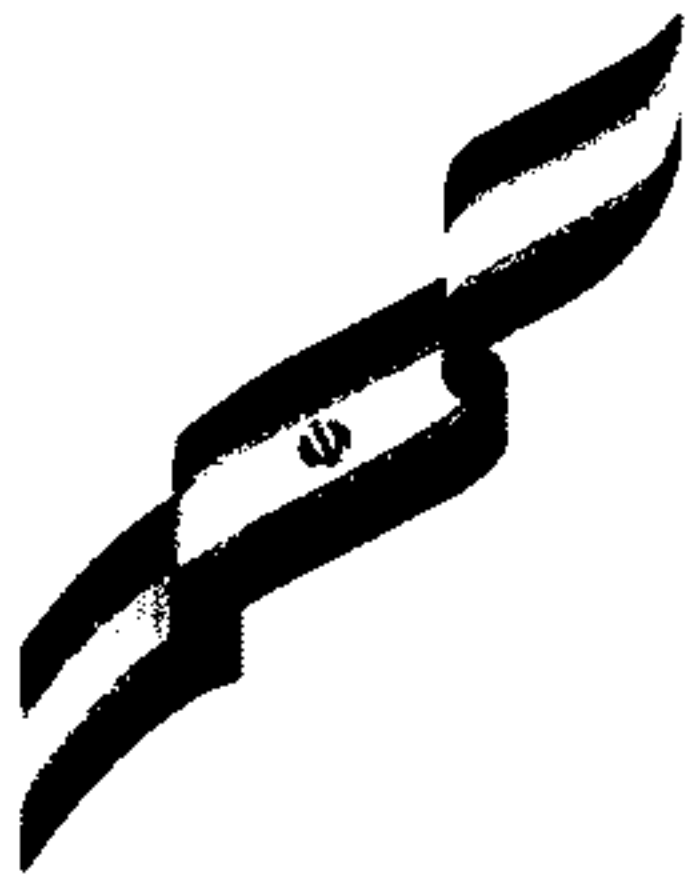
**Ms. Catherine Russell  
Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

With warm greetings and highest regards,

In the early hours of Friday, Khordad 23rd, 1404 (June 13th, 2025), the Israeli regime launched a hostile war against the Islamic Republic of Iran through conducting airstrikes and the deployment of mercenary forces, violating the territorial sovereignty of the country, including its capital and several other cities. This war was further escalated by the support, aggression, and military attacks of the United States of America. Throughout this unlawful incursion, belligerent forces deliberately targeted civilian targets and spaces. Women, men, and children, distinguished national scientists engaged in critical research, such as pharmaceutical studies, and senior military commanders were fatally attacked alongside their spouses and children in their private dwellings. These sustained assaults have tragically claimed the lives of athletes, university professors, medical physicians, social workers, journalists, and hundreds of other innocent civilians, including a significant number of women and children. As of now, hundreds of civilians have lost their lives, among them more than a hundred women and 45 children, and thousands more have sustained injuries. Numerous families have been torn apart, leaving behind many children without guardians. These grave crimes have spread sorrow throughout Iranian society. The scale of suffering among civilians, both physical and psychological, remains profoundly disturbing.

Throughout this widespread aggression, public spaces, private residences, as well as civilian facilities and national infrastructure, such as industrial centers, pharmaceutical production plants, the national media broadcasting headquarters, hospitals, the Iranian Red Crescent, orphan care centers, and notably, peaceful nuclear facilities—were subjected to indiscriminate and destructive attacks by the aggressors and suffered extensive damage.

For the names and details of the children whose innocent lives were claimed by the Zionist aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, please refer to the attached annex.



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These attacks constitute grave violations of the United Nations Charter, including the principle of state sovereignty enshrined in Article 2, Paragraph 1, and, in particular, the peremptory norm prohibiting the use of force under Article 2, Paragraph 4; under the framework of the United Nations Charter, the use of force and military action is prohibited except in exceptional circumstances, namely, the exercise of legitimate self-defense under Article 51 and only in response to an instance of an "armed attack", or where authorized by the United Nations Security Council, or, alternatively, in the context of liberation from domination and occupation in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 1514.

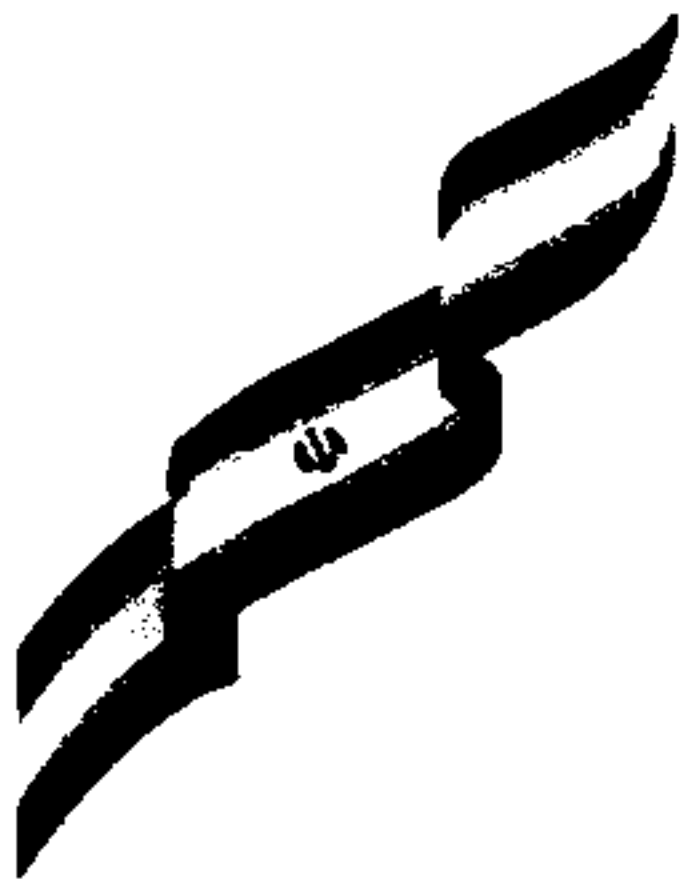
It is clear and beyond dispute that the aggression committed against the territorial integrity of Iran cannot be justified under any existing legal framework; there is no doubt as to the "aggressive" character of these actions. This military aggression against Iran violates the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of a United Nations Member State, constitutes a manifest act of aggression as defined by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3314, and is criminalized as the crime of aggression under Article 8 bis of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

In light of the indiscriminate and direct targeting of civilian targets and the failure to distinguish between military and civilian targets, these attacks also violate the fundamental principles and obligations of international humanitarian law, namely, the principles of distinction, proportionality, and precaution, and may therefore constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (Article 38) also requires observing international humanitarian law in respect of children as the most vulnerable and innocent victims of armed conflict. The recent attacks on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been in contravention of numerous rights of the child enshrined in Convention to which States Parties are bound, including the right to life, survival and development (Article 6), the right to health, water, food and environmental protection (Article 24), the rights of children with disabilities (Article 23), the child's right to social protection and social security (Articles 26 and 27), the right to physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration (Article 39), the right to education (Article 28), the right to protection of children in armed conflicts (Article 38), and the right to maintain family ties (Article 9).

This military aggression against the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran not only violates the sovereignty of an independent State committed to the United Nations Charter but





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also constitutes a flagrant assault on universal values, human dignity, and human rights, as well as on the very foundations of the international legal order, including the prohibition on the use of force and the principle of sovereign equality, whose establishment and preservation have required extraordinary efforts.

The Government and the heroic nation of Iran, while recognizing the constraints and pressures imposed on multilateral international organizations, refuse to accept the silence and passivity of those bodies and mechanisms. Such silence and indifference foster growing mistrust of these institutions, harm international coexistence and solidarity, and precipitate the gradual collapse of a system that was intended, in light of the principles of international law and human rights, to serve as the guardian of global objectives and values, peace, and human rights through the adoption of neutral stances and rejection of double standards, politicization, and submission to unilateralism.

In view of the foregoing, the Islamic Republic of Iran urges UNICEF and other relevant international bodies to undertake immediate, coordinated measures to safeguard the security, well-being, rights and dignity of all persons, particularly children and those most affected by conflict.

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