



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

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Excellency,

Upon instructions received from my Government, I would like to draw your attention to Note No. HC 2025-92, dated 17 November 2025, issued by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations, through which it announced the imposition of further illegal restrictions on the movement of “all Iranian government officials temporarily traveling to New York.” This severely confines the travel of Iranian visiting representatives, limiting their movement to an area bounded by Second Avenue, East 42nd Street, and East 49th Street. In addition, the Host Country of the United Nations has subjected any movement by Iranian visiting representatives outside the said area to the prior submission of a “request,” along with “appropriate justifications,” to the authorities of the United States, and to the subsequent approval of such request by the authorities thereof.

This practically means that the Host Country has placed itself in an undue position to influence and interfere with the independent exercise of the functions of Iranian representatives, eventually subjecting the functioning of representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a sovereign State, to the policies of the authorities of the United States. This is indeed a serious violation of, *inter alia*, the fundamental principle of sovereign equality upon which the United Nations is based, as enshrined in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations. Notwithstanding the manifest illegality of the said restrictions, such unlawful measures also impede the access of Iranian visiting representatives not only to ordinary services, such as healthcare, logistics, and transportation, but also to their very places of lodging.

By imposing these further illegal restrictions, the Host Country is wrongfully arrogating to itself a contrived, non-existent authority to influence the interaction of Iranian visiting representatives with those of other Member States. The situation, as elaborated above, deliberately subjugates my country’s delegation to a premeditated environment of coercion, duress, and degradation created by the Host Country; this constitutes an affront to their dignity and amounts to a manifestation of harassment, distress-inducing conditions, and control over Iranian representatives.

The said restrictions are in stark violation of, *inter alia*, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (1946), which does not distinguish permanent and visiting representatives of Member States. This was expressly confirmed by the United Nations General Assembly, *inter alia*, through resolution A/RES/74/195 of 30 December 2019, adopted during its seventy-fourth session.

It should be underlined that, while the said restrictions violate the Host Country’s obligations owed to the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the United Nations under the Convention, they are not merely a matter of concern for the sole respective affected Member State, but rather arise an urgent issue warranting due action by the United Nations—this is further evidenced by the pronouncement of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations in 1967, to the effect that “the



Organization had a clear interest in assuring the privileges and immunities. It therefore seemed elementary that the rights of representatives should properly be protected by the Organization."

In view of the seriousness and urgency of the matter, I would like to reiterate once again my request to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to urgently take appropriate measures and to discharge his mandates so as to ensure that the impediments are terminated forthwith and that the obligations of the Host Country are fully implemented, without discrimination among Member States, through all available means, including recourse to section 21 of the Headquarters Agreement (1947).

I would like to reaffirm that the Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its right to have recourse to all appropriate legal frameworks and procedures, including those specified under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, in order to protect its rights and prerogatives as a Member State of the United Nations.

I would like to hereby request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the United Nations General Assembly under agenda item 160, entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country."

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

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