



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

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Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters, including letter dated 5 and 8 March 2026 (S/2026/130) regarding the ongoing acts of aggression and the unprovoked war carried out by the United States and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I wish to inform Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council that the United States and the Israeli regime continue their brutal and large-scale military attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian people. The aggressors have now escalated their unlawful actions to the widespread and deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure across the country.

In addition to continuing their atrocious crimes across the country, the United States launched massive airstrikes and bombardments against two Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf, Abu Musa and Kharg, at midnight on Friday, 13 March 2026. These reckless and unlawful attacks particularly targeted Kharg Island, a critical hub for Iran's energy infrastructure and oil exports, thereby placing vital civilian infrastructure at grave risk. Immediately following this irresponsible attack, the President of the United States, in a public statement on social media, openly admitted responsibility for this act of aggression and threatened to target all oil facilities and infrastructure on the island.

Excellency,

Right from the start of this unwarranted and wanton war, densely populated residential areas and essential civilian infrastructure across Iran are being deliberately and indiscriminately targeted by the United States and the Israeli regime. Airports, including facilities and civilian aircraft, schools, hospitals, health-care centres, ambulances, residential buildings, sports facilities, and other civilian infrastructure have been deliberately struck and destroyed, in flagrant violation of international humanitarian law. The United States and Israel show blatant disregard for international law and exercise no restraint in committing these heinous atrocities. Even cultural heritage sites have not been spared from these indiscriminate bombardments. Environmental targets have also been struck, causing serious and potentially lasting damage to the natural environment. On 7 March 2026, Israeli strikes on fuel depots and facilities in Tehran released large quantities of hazardous and toxic pollutants into the atmosphere. These attacks have caused severe air pollution and serious health risks for civilians—particularly children, women, the elderly, and those with pre-existing conditions. Soil and groundwater contamination could inflict long-term, even generational, harm. These actions constitute a clear war crime.

Since 28 February 2026, the continued military strikes carried out by the United States and the Israeli regime have resulted in the martyrdom of more than 1,348 civilians, including 233 women and 202 children, among them 12 children under the age of five. More than 17,000 civilians have been injured, and 19,734 civilian sites have been destroyed or severely damaged. These attacks have targeted 16,191 residential homes, 1,617 commercial and service centres, 77 medical



and pharmaceutical facilities, 65 schools and educational institutions, and 16 Red Crescent buildings, in addition to multiple energy infrastructure facilities. The scale, intensity, and systematic nature of these attacks against civilians and civilian objects clearly constitute grave violations of international humanitarian law and amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, for which the perpetrators must be held fully accountable.

Despite Iran's repeated communications urging the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility and take urgent action to end this criminal war, the Council has remained silent and paralysed. This inaction persists despite its primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security. Such paralysis is the direct result of obstruction by a permanent member, the United States, that is itself the principal aggressor in this unjustified and unwarranted war against Iran.

Given the grave consequences of this unlawful and unjust war against Iran, which has already resulted in widespread destruction and significant civilian casualties, for regional and international peace and security, the Islamic Republic of Iran therefore, reiterates, in the strongest possible terms, its condemnation of these barbaric and unlawful acts of aggression and once more calls upon the Secretary-General and the responsible members of the Security Council to fulfill their duties under the Charter of the United Nations and:

- Condemn unequivocally the ongoing acts of aggression and barbaric attacks carried out by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the fundamental principles of international law, which pose a serious threat to international peace and security;
- Force the United States and Israel immediately to cease all acts of military aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran and immediately halt the deliberate and indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian objects, which constitute egregious violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law; and
- Ensure full accountability for the grave violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed and being committed by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Iranian civilian population and civilian infrastructure.

The United States and the Israeli regime bear full international responsibility for their acts of aggression and for all violations of Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as for the loss of civilian life and the widespread damage inflicted upon civilian infrastructure in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

As stated officially in our previous letters, in response to this deliberate and unjustified aggression, the Islamic Republic of Iran has exercised, and continues to exercise, its inherent right of self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter and international law to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and vital interests, as long as this unjustified war of aggression continues and as the Security Council fails to discharge its duties and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations. Iran has undertaken and continues to undertake necessary



and proportionate defensive operations against the bases and facilities of the aggressors in the region. Iran targets only the military objectives, assets, and facilities of the aggressors.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly under agenda item 84.

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

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