



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 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 write to bring to your urgent attention yet another outrageous and criminal act perpetrated by the Israeli regime. On 17 March 2026, in the course of a new series of unprovoked and unjustified acts of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and as part of its ongoing campaign of targeted assassinations of high-ranking political and military officials, the Israeli regime deliberately targeted the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, Mr. Ali Larijani. This attack resulted in the martyrdom of Mr. Larijani, his son, Mr. Morteza Larijani, his deputy, Mr. Alireza Bayat, as well as several security personnel accompanying them. These cowardly acts of terrorism were compounded today by the assassination of Mr. Esmail Khatib, Minister of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in a further blatant escalation of Israel's unlawful conduct.

The United States and the Israeli regime launched an unjustified and unprovoked war against Iran on 28 February 2026, beginning with the cowardly terrorist assassination of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran—the highest official of a sovereign Member State of the United Nations—along with several senior State officials, resulting in the deaths and injuries of thousands of civilians and the infliction of significant damage upon civilian infrastructure.

Senior officials of the aggressor States, including the President of the United States and the criminal Prime Minister of Israel, have publicly acknowledged and justified these targeted killings and cowardly acts of terrorism, and have openly admitted responsibility for these unlawful acts of aggression.

These cowardly acts of terrorism were carried out in manifest disregard of binding principles of international law, including those reflected in the 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons. They engage the international responsibility of the States concerned, as well as the individual criminal responsibility of all those involved in planning, ordering, authorising, committing, or otherwise aiding and abetting these criminal acts. The foregoing is without prejudice to accountability for ongoing war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression.

The assassination of a country's officials—under any pretext or justification—constitutes a grave and indefensible crime under international law and must serve as an urgent wake-up call



to the international community. The continued silence and inaction of the international community, particularly the Security Council, in the face of such unlawful acts only embolden Israel to normalise and institutionalise the targeted killing of State officials. Such impunity sets a perilous precedent, eroding the foundations of sovereignty and the rule of law, and poses a direct threat to international peace and security. If left unchecked, it will not remain confined to Iran; it will inevitably extend to officials and leaders of other nations, placing all States at risk and undermining global peace and security.

In light of the foregoing, and at a time when the normalisation of grave violations of international law regrettably threatens the integrity of the international system, the Islamic Republic of Iran solemnly calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council to discharge their Charter-mandated responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security and to take effective measures to ensure the full accountability of the United States and the Israeli regime for the aforementioned atrocious terrorist acts.

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, entitled “*The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels.*”

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

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