



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

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Excellency,

Further to my previous communications, including letters No. 2646974, 2656936, 268118, 2666685, 2759385, 2773892 and 2876581 dated 23 September 2025, 1 October 2025, 3 October 2025, 10 October 2025, 20 December 2025, 31 December 2025, 22 April 2026, respectively, concerning the ongoing and flagrant violations of obligations by the United States, as the *Host Country* of the United Nations Headquarters, I would like to draw your kind attention to the following:

- The non-issuance and delayed issuance of visas by the Host Country remain amongst the pressing challenges that, along with the imposition of new impediments on the part of the latter, are further obstructing and undermining the independent exercise of the functions of Iranian representatives in connection with the Organization. Of particular concern is the recent undue and unacceptable requirement by the Host Country whereby the United States requires the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister and potentially other officials of comparable rank to attend interviews as a condition for visa processes. Such impediments which are inconsistent with the obligations of the Host Country, and which the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly objects to, practically impede the participation of high-level Iranian representatives in the work of the Organization.
- By way of example, the abovementioned impediments prevented the Iranian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Legal Affairs from attending the *Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons*, which was held from 27 April to 22 May 2026. Along similar lines, I would like to underline that the Host Country, in flagrant violation of its obligations, also refrained from issuing a visa to a senior representative of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations



and other International Organizations in Vienna who was duly assigned to participate in the aforementioned meeting.

- Furthermore, an application for the issuance of a visa for an Iranian representative designated to participate in the *Committee for Programme and Coordination* was duly submitted on 18 March 2026. Despite the commencement of the Committee's meetings on 11 May 2026, no visa has been issued to date. The Meeting is still in progress, and the representative concerned has already been unable to attend and participate in a substantial portion of the Committee's proceedings.
- As I mentioned in my previous communication, the non-issuance of visas by the Host Country continues to disrupt the normal rotation of staff composition at the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations. As a case in point, the Host Country has refrained from issuing visas to a representative and his family, whose application was submitted on 14 July 2025. In another case, a representative submitted a visa application on 1 September 2025, yet even after nearly nine months, no visa has been issued to that representative and his family. Further applications for entry visas have been duly submitted by additional representatives who are expected to assume their duties at the Permanent Mission in the coming months.
- Such violations of obligations by the Host Country constitute flagrant breach of its obligations under relevant international law, in particular, Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (1946) and the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States (1947). I wish to reiterate that under relevant international law, including the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement of 1947, in particular sections 11, 12 and 13 thereof, the United States is under clear obligations with respect to the prompt issuance of visas to representatives, irrespective of any bilateral considerations. Such obligations are owed by the Host Country not only to the Islamic Republic of Iran but also to the United Nations Organization.
- In view of the foregoing, I would like to once again urge the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take appropriate measures and to discharge his mandates so as to ensure that all



impediments imposed against representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran are terminated forthwith and that the Host Country acts in consequence of its obligations which includes, *inter alia*, obligations relating to prompt issuance of visas to Iranian representatives, in a timely manner and without impediments.

- I shall be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 160, entitled “*Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country*”, and as a document of the *Committee on Relations with the Host Country*.

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



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