



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

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Excellencies,

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to draw your urgent attention, and that of the members of the Security Council, to the latest public threat issued by Israel Katz, the Israeli regime's Minister of War, against the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran. During a press briefing on 30 June 2026, while openly threatening to resume military aggression against Iran, he was asked about the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei. He said that the Supreme Leader was "marked for death," thereby issuing an explicit public threat of assassination, which, inter alia, constitutes a violation of paragraph 1 of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding, to which the United States is a signatory and for which it bears responsibility, including for ensuring compliance.

This threat is neither isolated nor rhetorical. It forms part of a deliberate and systematic policy of State-sponsored terrorism targeting senior Iranian State officials, pursued in the context of the Israeli regime's unlawful acts of aggression against Iran, including the assassination of Iran's late Supreme Leader, His Eminence Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and other senior political and military officials, carried out with the participation, coordination, and support of the United States. Such a policy constitutes a grave violation of the Charter of the United Nations, fundamental principles of international law, including the prohibition on the threat or use of force, and peremptory norms (*jus cogens*). During its acts of aggression against Iran, in June 2025 and 28 February - 8 April 2026, the Israeli regime deliberately targeted civilians and civilian objects, including hospitals, educational institutions, and cultural sites, causing the deaths of more than 4,800 civilians, including women and children. The latest assassination threat must therefore be viewed as a continuation of the same unlawful policy of State terrorism and criminal aggression.

The deliberate targeting of senior officials of a sovereign Member State constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international human rights law—particularly the right to life—and, where applicable, international humanitarian law. Regrettably, the Security Council's failure to fulfill its responsibilities under the Charter has fostered a climate of impunity, emboldening the Israeli regime to normalize State-sponsored terrorism. Such impunity sets an extremely dangerous precedent and poses a grave threat to international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran unequivocally condemns this threatening and disgraceful statement and holds the Israeli regime fully responsible for all consequences arising from any act of aggression or other unlawful conduct committed pursuant to such threats. Any reckless



miscalculation or hostile action by the Israeli regime will be met with a decisive and immediate response, the consequences of which will rest solely with that regime.

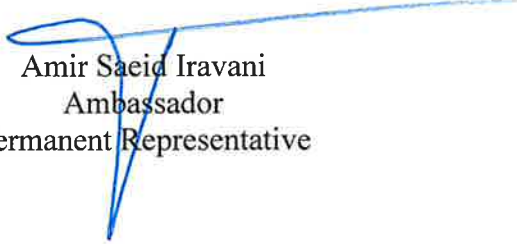
Iran reaffirms and reserves its inherent right of self-defence, as enshrined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, to take all necessary and proportionate measures to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, national security, and people against any armed attack or any unlawful threat or use of force. The Islamic Republic of Iran remains fully prepared to exercise this right with determination and resolve should circumstances so require.

The Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon the Security Council to:

- Unequivocally condemn any threat or act of assassination against State officials or leaders as a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law;
- Ensure accountability for all those who plan, authorize, facilitate, support, or commit such acts; and,
- Compel the Israeli regime to comply with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and international law and to immediately cease its unlawful acts of aggression and other grave violations against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be 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, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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