



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

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Excellencies,

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my previous letters concerning the continued acts of aggression committed by the United States of America against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the letters dated 16 and 17 July 2026, I wish to draw your urgent attention, and that of members of the Security Council, to yet another US attack on an IAEA safeguarded peaceful nuclear facility in Iran. At approximately 3:39 a.m. local time on Sunday, 19 July 2026, the United States launched several missiles against the Karoon (Darkhovin) Nuclear Power Plant site, which is under construction in Khuzestan Province. This facility is a peaceful nuclear facility that has been under the full scope of the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), pursuant to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement concluded between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Agency. The activities conducted at this facility are exclusively peaceful, fully transparent, and entirely consistent with Iran's rights and obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

The deliberate targeting of a peaceful nuclear facility under IAEA safeguards, on the heels of a series of appalling U.S. attacks on Iran's civil infrastructure with no military justification, constitutes a flagrant violation of international law, the Charter of the United Nations, relevant resolutions of the Security Council, the Statute of the IAEA, and General Conference resolutions of the IAEA. Nevertheless, the United States, having previously acted jointly with the Israeli regime in carrying out unlawful attacks against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities during the wars of aggression of June 2025 and February–April 2026 on Iran, has once again, and due to the Security Council's inaction and double standards, deliberately targeted a peaceful nuclear installation under IAEA safeguards. Such an attack, which is the 18th wave of such attacks against Iran's peaceful safeguarded nuclear sites and facilities since the beginning of the joint aggressions of the US-Israeli regime in June 2025, gravely endangers nuclear safety and security, and seriously undermines the integrity, credibility, and effectiveness of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

While strongly condemning this reckless attack by the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains in constant contact with the IAEA on this issue. In this regard, on 19 July 2026, the Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, in a letter addressed to the IAEA Director General, called for taking effective and appropriate actions against such aggressions that endanger the integrity and credibility of the global nuclear non-proliferation norms.

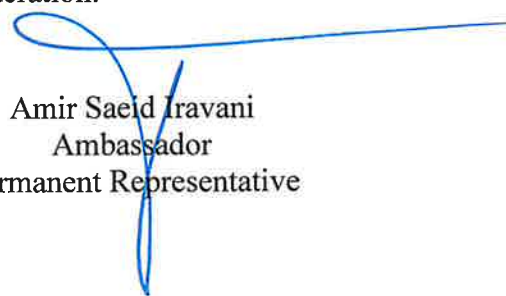


The Islamic Republic of Iran recalls that the international community has consistently affirmed that armed attacks against, or threats of attack against, peaceful nuclear facilities are unacceptable under any circumstances. Numerous resolutions adopted by the IAEA General Conference have reaffirmed that any armed attack against, or threat directed at nuclear facilities devoted exclusively to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and the Statute of the IAEA. The Security Council has likewise repeatedly underscored the paramount importance of nuclear safety and security, as well as the necessity of ensuring full respect for the integrity and inviolability of nuclear installations placed under IAEA safeguards.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, therefore, calls upon the Secretary-General and the Security Council to discharge, without delay and without discrimination or double standards, their responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations by unequivocally condemning the United States' armed attack against the safeguarded Darkhovin Nuclear Power Plant. Iran further calls upon the Security Council to reaffirm that any attack against, or threat of attack against, peaceful nuclear facilities is contrary to international law and constitutes a violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, and the resolutions of the IAEA General Conference; to demand that the United States immediately cease all attacks and threats of attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including against its peaceful nuclear installations, and to hold the United States fully accountable under international law for its internationally wrongful acts and for all consequences arising therefrom.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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


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