



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

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Excellencies,

I categorically reject the baseless and unsubstantiated allegations leveled against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the representative of the United States and certain members of the Security Council during today's meeting on 13 August 2026 under the agenda item "The Situation in the Middle East (Yemen)" (10208th meeting).

In particular, the allegation levelled by the United States' representative that Iran is destabilizing Yemen, or that Iranian commercial flights to Sana'a were used to transfer military personnel or equipment in violation of Security Council resolution 2216 (2015), is entirely unfounded, unsupported by any credible evidence, and categorically rejected. These fabricated claims constitute yet another cynical attempt by the United States to mislead the Security Council, deflect attention from its own unlawful conduct, and evade responsibility for its destabilizing actions in Yemen and across the region. The allegations are particularly egregious coming from a member State that has itself repeatedly resorted to the unlawful use of force, and committed acts of aggression with grave consequences for regional and international peace and security.

Iran's recent flights to Sana'a have been humanitarian in nature. The prolonged closure and severe restrictions on Sana'a International Airport, coupled with the blockade, have inflicted the most devastating humanitarian consequences on Yemen. Since the suspension of regular commercial flights in 2016, millions of Yemenis have been deprived of their basic right to freedom of movement and access to essential services, including life-saving medical treatment abroad, education and employment opportunities, family reunification, and humanitarian assistance. Any attempt to portray humanitarian assistance aimed at alleviating these grave consequences as a destabilizing activity is both factually false, and morally and legally indefensible.

Let there be no mistake: the United States cannot credibly present itself as a defender of peace and stability in Yemen while seeking to evade its own responsibility for the devastation inflicted upon the Yemeni people. For nearly a decade, the people of Yemen have endured the consequences of a devastating conflict, including a prolonged blockade, and restrictions on vital and civilian infrastructure, enabled by the United States' political and military support. The resulting humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen remains one of the gravest crises in the world, in which serious violations of international humanitarian law have continued with impunity.

The United States has played a direct role in undermining the political track in Yemen. Its military actions against Yemen in March 2025 were in violation of Yemen's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolutions contributed to further obstructing the UN-facilitated political process. Moreover, the United States'



efforts to advance the politically motivated adoption of Security Council resolution 2722 (2024), followed by its selective and abusive interpretation of that resolution as a pretext for military action against Yemen and its civilian infrastructure, further violated Yemen's sovereignty and territorial integrity, escalated regional tensions, and undermined prospects for a political settlement.

It is therefore deeply ironic that the same regime whose actions have repeatedly undermined peace, violated Yemen's sovereignty, and resorted to unlawful force in flagrant violation of the UN Charter and international law, now seeks to accuse Iran of destabilizing Yemen. Such accusations are nothing more than an attempt to reverse the facts, and shift responsibility away from the actual perpetrators of aggression and destabilization.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms its respect for the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Yemen. Iran will continue to support a peaceful, inclusive, comprehensive, Yemeni-led, and Yemeni-owned political process under United Nations auspices as the only viable and sustainable means of resolving the conflict. Iran further emphasizes that sustainable peace in Yemen cannot be achieved through military escalation, coercion, or the exclusion of relevant Yemeni parties. Meaningful, impartial, and practical engagement by the international community is required, with all relevant Yemeni parties, coupled with genuine efforts to address the humanitarian crisis and remove the blockade on Yemen, to create the conditions necessary for a lasting political settlement.

Iran believes that the Security Council must reject attempts to instrumentalize itself for the political purposes of certain members, and must instead focus on addressing the humanitarian suffering of the Yemeni people, and support a genuinely Yemeni-owned and Yemeni-led peace process.

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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