



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 letter dated 25 July 2026 concerning the Communiqué of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran condemning the Ukrainian regime's military attack against an Iranian commercial vessel in the Caspian Sea, I wish to draw the attention of Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council to this highly dangerous and unlawful act committed by the Ukrainian regime during the early hours of Saturday, 25 July 2026. As stated in the aforementioned letter, this unjustifiable attack targeted an Iranian commercial vessel in the Caspian Sea, which caused a devastating explosion that resulted in the martyrdom of one Iranian sailor and injuries to several other crew members.

The attack, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international law, including Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, as a clear instance of use of force, could have serious implications for peace, security, and regional stability, particularly in the Caspian Sea. The full responsibility for the consequences of this reckless adventurism rests with the Ukrainian regime and its supporters.

The attack on commercial vessels is not only a serious violation of international law, but also a dangerous act aimed at expanding war and insecurity. It directly threatens maritime security, regional trade, and the stability of the Caspian Sea—a body of water that has always been recognized as a sea of peace, friendship, and cooperation—among the coastal States. Any military operations against commercial vessels in this unique body of water threatens and disrupts the collective security, regional trade, and longstanding cooperation among its coastal States.

In light of the grave consequences of this unlawful act for regional and international peace and security, the Islamic Republic of Iran recalls the core responsibility of the United Nations, and in particular the Security Council, vis-à-vis the maintenance of international peace and security. In this regard, Iran calls on the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, and the Security Council's members to discharge their duties under the United Nations Charter, to strongly and unequivocally condemn this egregious attack and unlawful use of force by the Ukrainian regime, ensure accountability for this heinous act, and prevent escalation. The Islamic Republic of Iran further calls on all Member States of the United Nations to unequivocally condemn this



unlawful use of force in order to prevent the spread of war, instability, and insecurity in the region and beyond.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its inherent right to self-defence as enshrined in the United Nations Charter in order to safeguard its interests, national security, and the rights of its citizens. The above is without prejudice to the responsibility of the Ukrainian regime to bear international responsibility for its unlawful act, including the obligation to provide full reparation for all damage caused, material and moral, including but not limited to: assurances of non-repetition, restitution, compensation, and satisfaction as required under international law. This atrocious crime also engages the individual criminal responsibility of all those who were involved in commanding, committing, or otherwise assisting in its commission. Those who are responsible must be brought to justice in order to ensure accountability and combat impunity.

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

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

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