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

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Excellencies,

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to our letter dated 26 August 2026 (S/2026/697), I wish to draw your urgent attention, and, through you, that of the members of the Security Council, to yet another grave act of State terrorism and economic aggression perpetrated by the United States against the Iranian people. On 8 September 2026, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced its purported "sanctions" against 27 Iranian airlines and entities operating in Iran's civilian aviation sector, further escalating its unlawful campaign of unilateral coercive measures aimed at inflicting economic deprivation and hardship upon the Iranian people.

Following the failure of the United States and the Israeli regime to achieve their objectives through their wars of aggression against Iran in 2025 and 2026, and their failure to induce other States into those unlawful wars, the United States has resorted to economic coercion as an alternative instrument of aggression, seeking to pursue the same objectives by systematically targeting essential civilian sectors and depriving the Iranian population of vital goods and services under its so-called "Operation Economic Outcast," announced on 24 August 2026.

The United States is now weaponizing economic deprivation as an instrument of collective punishment and political coercion, deliberately inflicting grave and foreseeable harm upon the Iranian people, and directly violating their fundamental rights, including the rights to life, health, food, and an adequate standard of living.

The United States' latest measures are particularly grave because of their direct consequences for civil aviation safety and the lives of civilians. These sanctions are also incompatible with the fundamental objectives of the Chicago Convention, including those contained in its Preamble concerning the role of international civil aviation in promoting and preserving friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world. Furthermore, such measures undermine the cooperative and connectivity-oriented framework by underpinning the international civil aviation regime, thereby adversely affecting its role in ensuring safe, sustainable, and accessible civil aviation.

Sanctions on airlines impede access to aircraft spare parts, equipment, maintenance, repair, inspection, and technical services indispensable to the safe operation of civil aircrafts, thereby exposing passengers and aviation personnel to avoidable risks, while restricting the movement of millions of civilians. These measures also constitute a stark disregard for the Order of the

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International Court of Justice of 3 October 2018. The Court expressly recognized the potential impact of U.S. measures on civil aviation safety and the lives of its users, and ordered the United States to remove impediments on the free exportation of goods and services necessary for the safety of civil aviation to Iran.

The systematic use of economic and financial measures to deliberately inflict severe and widespread hardship upon Iran's civilian population for political coercion constitutes economic terrorism, collective punishment, and a crime against humanity, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and fundamental rules of international law, including international human rights law, and the protection of civilians.

The Islamic Republic of Iran will exercise all available legal avenues to seek accountability, reparation, and redress, and to hold those responsible to account for the consequences of these unlawful acts. The internationally wrongful acts of the United States entail its full responsibility, including the obligation to make full reparation for the injury caused, encompassing restitution, compensation, and satisfaction, as required under international law. This is without prejudice to any applicable individual criminal responsibility arising from the conduct of persons who order, direct, facilitate or knowingly implement such measures where the requisite legal elements are established.

In light of the foregoing, the Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon the Secretary-General and the Security Council to discharge their respective responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and, in this regard, to:

1. Urge the United States to immediately cease, and bring to an end to, all its unlawful and unilateral coercive measures, as well as its ongoing acts of aggression against Iran which target innocent civilians, as well as to comply fully and without exception with its obligations under international humanitarian law.
2. Address the grave humanitarian, human-rights, and civilian-protection consequences of the continued imposition of unilateral coercive measures and other measures against Iran, including their direct and foreseeable impact on civil aviation safety, and the well-being of the civilian population.
3. Strongly condemn and unequivocally reject the systematic use of unilateral coercive measures as instruments of political coercion, particularly where they inflict widespread and foreseeable harm upon civilian populations, and take appropriate action in accordance with the Charter to safeguard international peace and security, and the protection of civilians.
4. Urge all Member States to refrain from recognizing or implementing unilateral coercive measures by the United States that violate international law and the Charter of the United Nations—particularly measures that cause, or are foreseeably capable of causing, widespread humanitarian harm to civilian populations.

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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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