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Excellencies,

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to our previous letters on the acts of aggression by the United States and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I am writing to bring your attention, and that of the members of the Security Council, to the deeply disturbing and consequential admission made on 23 September 2026 by the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), concerning the extensive use of European military bases in support of the United States' act aggression, in clear breach of international law against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In an interview on 23 September 2026, while speaking at a public event on NATO's future, the Secretary General of NATO again admitted that "5,000 planes" had taken off from European bases in support of the so-called "Operation Epic Fury" since 28 February 2026. He stated that this figure was calculated only through mid-April, adding that the actual number was "probably much more" thereafter.

In this regard, I would like to place the following on the record:

1. This statement is not a minor or incidental disclosure. It is a public admission by the head of NATO on the indispensable role played by European territory and infrastructure in facilitating the acts of aggression and numerous war crimes committed by the United States against Iran, and clearly establishes their international responsibility, as well as the individual criminal responsibility of European officials involved in the planning, preparation, facilitation, or execution of acts amounting to aggression and war crimes committed by the United States and the Israeli regime in Iran. This acknowledgment is particularly significant given that ample evidence had already emerged concerning the complicity of certain European States in the aforementioned violations, as well as in those committed against the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2025. The statement therefore warrants the immediate and serious attention of the Security Council, should the Council eventually decide to opt for exercising its responsibility in terms of peace and security.

2. As previously reiterated, the acts of aggression committed by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran were carried out in blatant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran, and of Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations. These acts continue to this day, including through the unlawful blockade imposed by the United States against Iranian territory. The acts of aggression by the United States have also been accompanied by attacks against civilians and civilian objects, in clear

disregard for the principles of international humanitarian law and international human rights law resulting in the loss of more than 3,600 lives, including at least 254 children and 251 women, and injuries to many others.

3. As previously communicated time and again to the Secretary-General and the Security Council, certain European States have knowingly facilitated the aforementioned unlawful acts by placing their territory, airspace, military facilities, and other logistical and operational capabilities at the disposal of the aggressors for the planning, preparation, and execution of attacks that clearly amount to war crimes. Such conduct, in itself, constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations. Furthermore, such actions constitute participation in and assistance to an act of aggression within the meaning of General Assembly resolution 3314 (XXIX), entitled "*Definition of Aggression*". Accordingly, the States concerned bear international responsibility for their internationally wrongful acts, including their participation in and assistance to acts of aggression, and remain under an obligation to make full reparation for all injury, including material and moral damage, caused to the Islamic Republic of Iran, its nationals, and its civilian and public infrastructure as a consequence of those wrongful acts.

4. The statement also engages the individual criminal responsibility of not only the Secretary General of NATO, but also of any other European officials and individuals involved in the said acts, including for the crime of aggression and war crimes. These include, in particular, the attack on the Shajareh Tayyebeh School in Minab, in which more than 168 individuals, most of them children, were killed; the use of PrSM missiles containing thousands of lethal pellets in Lamerd, which killed several innocent women and children and injured many others; attacks on oil reservoirs resulting in widespread environmental damage; the heinous attack on the Sirik wedding ceremony in August; and the wanton destruction of homes, hospitals, academic, scientific, cultural and historical sites and centres, and civilian infrastructure. As Mr. Rutte expresses in clear terms, the role of European leaders in operations leading to the commission of the said crimes is clearly established.

5. The United Nations Security Council has a particular responsibility in this regard. It cannot remain silent when the territory and infrastructure of States are openly acknowledged by the head of a major military alliance to have been indispensable to a military aggression against another sovereign Member State of the United Nations. Accordingly, the Islamic Republic of Iran urges the members of the Security Council to treat this admission with the seriousness it warrants, and to reject any attempt to normalize or legitimize the participation of third States in acts of aggression and the commission of war crimes.

6. The Islamic Republic of Iran further expects the United Nations to take concrete measures to ensure that the Secretary General of NATO, respective European states, and the officials

concerned be held fully accountable for the aforementioned acts, including in terms of international responsibility for the internationally wrongful acts, and international criminal responsibility for the war crimes and violations of international law in connection therewith.

7. The Islamic Republic of Iran further reserves its full and unimpeachable right to pursue, through all available legal means, the establishment of accountability for the responsible States and individuals, and also to secure compensation for the damages sustained.

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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