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### **Identical letters dated 29 July 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to inform you that on 23 July 2020, an Airbus A310 airliner belonging to Mahan Airlines (flight 1152) was aggressively and unexpectedly intercepted in Syria's airspace by two F-15 fighter jets of the United States of America while en route from Tehran to Beirut through internationally specified air corridors. In reaction to the offensive and hazardous manoeuvres of the United States fighter jets and in order to save the civil aircraft and passengers' lives, the airliner had to change altitude abruptly, causing injuries to the passengers onboard.

In accordance with the provisions of annex 13 to the 1944 Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation, the Civil Aviation Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran has contacted the relevant Syrian authorities and called for a prompt and accurate investigation of the incident. The aircraft also came under close scrutiny of the Iranian Civil Aviation Organization's incident investigation team minutes after its arrival at Imam Khomeini International Airport from Beirut. The necessary details of the investigations will be released after the revision and finalization of the collected data and information by both investigation teams.

It is obvious that the act by the United States fighter jets is a flagrant violation of the aviation security and freedom of civil aviation reflected in the 1944 Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation and its relevant annexes as well as an infringement of the 1971 Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation.

This was not the first unlawful act perpetrated by the United States against Iran in the territory of a third country. It is incumbent upon the United Nations to reject such an unlawful and yet adventuristic act and hold the United States accountable for this irresponsible behaviour. The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its strongest objections against this violation of international law and will pursue the issue through relevant international bodies.

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

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

