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### Letter dated 21 December 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 you regarding the letter contained in document [A/75/594-S/2020/1058](#), transmitting the resolutions adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level on 9 September 2020. Enclosed with that letter is a resolution in support of a unilateral claim by the United Arab Emirates over the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, the Lesser Tunb and the Greater Tunb.

Supporting such a baseless claim runs counter to the peremptory norms of international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations, in particular Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter of the United Nations, which prohibits interference in the internal affairs of other States. It is an example of interference in Iranian internal affairs and clear disrespect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and we condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its consistent and principled position that it does not recognize the existence of any such dispute between Iran and the United Arab Emirates. The three islands have been and continue to be an inseparable part of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, therefore, any claim to the contrary is categorically rejected. Nonetheless, and to show its utmost respect for the principle of good-neighbourliness, Iran has always expressed its readiness to talk with the United Arab Emirates bilaterally with a view to removing any misunderstanding that may exist on the part of the United Arab Emirates over the Abu Musa island. We caution against any involvement by third parties in this issue of a bilateral character and regard such involvement to be unconstructive.

Regarding the use of a fake name for the Persian Gulf in the aforesaid document, I would like to stress once again that “Persian Gulf” is the only true geographical designation for the body of water lying between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, which has been used since the dawn of history. As the institutional memory of all renowned cartographic agencies testifies, this sea area has always been identified as the “Persian Gulf”, which must therefore be respected by all. Seizing this opportunity, I also categorically reject other disinformation and accusations raised in the annexes to the aforesaid letter.

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

*(Signed)* Majid **Takht Ravanchi**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

