



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 24 July 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am writing to you regarding the allegations made during the Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, on 21 July 2020, by the representatives of the Israeli regime and the United States of America against the Islamic Republic of Iran and their call for the imposition of an arms embargo against my country in violation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) of the Council.

One of the main elements of the common strategy of the Israeli regime and the United States towards the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been their Iran-bashing policy, including through the widespread systematic dissemination of disinformation and spreading of baseless allegations against Iran, such as those presented in the aforementioned meeting. Their primary common purpose is to distract attention away from the hostile and hegemonic policies that they continue to pursue against Muslims, particularly in the Middle East, inter alia through occupation, aggression and oppression, as well as sowing the seeds of hatred and division between and among the Muslim nations. However, no amount of smear campaigning, victim playing and whitewashing can cover up the crimes, brutality and inhumane measures of the Israeli regime and the United States in our volatile region. Growing sentiments in support of expelling the American forces from the region as well as rejection of the expansionist policy of the Israeli regime to annex parts of Palestinian territories are credible indicators signifying the awareness of the nations in our region about, and their opposition to, the hostile policies of the Israeli regime and the United States.

In that meeting, instead of fomenting an Iranophobic campaign, the representative of the Israeli regime should have explained about Israel's brutal crimes and irresponsible policies in gross systematic violation of the basic principles of humanity and morality as well as of the fundamental principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Such policies and practices include, but are not limited to, waging over 15 wars in the region in the past seven decades, committing aggression against all its neighbours without exception, invading other countries in the region and beyond, continuing its unlawful occupation of Palestine and parts of Syria and Lebanon, imposing an over a decade-long inhumane blockade on the Gaza Strip, continuing its construction and expansion of settlements, its massive accumulation of the most sophisticated conventional weapons and its development and stockpiling of nuclear weapons, conducting clandestine nuclear activities in unsafeguarded nuclear facilities, refusing to join international legally binding instruments banning weapons of mass destruction, seriously hampering the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, as proposed by Iran in 1974, defying hundreds of resolutions of the United Nations, including a large



number of binding resolutions of the Security Council, assassinating several Iranian nuclear scientists and conducting many other subversive, divisive and destabilizing activities in the region with far-reaching implications for international peace and security.

Similarly, instead of abusing the agenda item of the Council's meeting – which for many years has been allocated exclusively to the consideration of the Palestinian question – for advancing the hostile policies of her country against Iran, the representative of the United States, in accordance with the meeting's agenda, should have explained why this country, by abusing its position as a permanent member of the Council and casting negative votes 44 times, has vetoed many draft resolutions of the Security Council encompassing enforcement measures against Israel. The representative of the United States should have also clarified why her country continues shielding the Israeli regime against any action by the United Nations and other international organizations, thus emboldening that regime to continue defying all principles and norms of international law. The United States representative should have also elaborated on why, to date, this country has provided the Israeli regime with \$142.3 billion in bilateral military assistance, turning Israel into “the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign assistance since World War II”,<sup>1</sup> or has sold to Israel the most technologically advanced military equipment, while knowing in advance that all such military aid and sophisticated weaponry will be used to systematically invade others and conduct destabilizing activities in the region.

The call by the representatives of the Israeli regime and the United States for the imposition of an arms embargo against Iran is not surprising. Since the conclusion of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and its unanimous endorsement by the Security Council through resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), the Israeli regime has spared no effort and missed no opportunity to undermine its implementation. This is a clear violation of that resolution, according to which any actions undermining the implementation of commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action must be avoided. Later, in line with the destructive policies of the United States, which, in stark violation of its strict legal obligations under resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), the Charter of the United Nations and international law, unilaterally ceased its participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and imposed countless sanctions against Iran and yet continues to make every effort to ultimately destroy that resolution, including its inseparable part, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the Israeli regime has attempted to do whatever is in its power to support that malign policy. Therefore, the joint call by the United States and Israeli representatives for the imposition of an arms embargo against Iran is in pursuance of their common policy, the ultimate objective of which is to kill the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action forever. Such an ill-intentioned attempt is against the letter and spirit of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and contradicts the overall approach of the Security Council on Iran's peaceful nuclear programme.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See “U.S. foreign aid to Israel”, Congressional Research Service, updated 7 August 2019. Available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33222.pdf>.