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Seventy-fourth year****The rule of law at the national and international levels****Letter dated 5 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative
of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

Pursuant to our letters dated 23 May 2019 (A/73/885-S/2019/429), 5 November 2018 (A/73/490-S/2018/988), 11 May 2018 (A/72/869-S/2018/453), 13 October 2017 (S/2017/862) and 28 August 2017 (S/2017/739) regarding the continuous violation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by the United States of America, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

On 18 November 2019, the Secretary of State of the United States announced that the United States would unilaterally put Iran's Fordow facility under sanctions from 15 December 2019. This new unlawful sanction targets one of the pillars of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and follows the same pattern of previous illegal acts of the United States explained in the above-mentioned letters.

The Security Council has authorized "the supply, sale, or transfer of items, materials, equipment, goods and technology, and the provision of any related technical assistance, training, financial assistance, investment, brokering or other services, that is directly related to the modification of two cascades at the Fordow facility for stable isotope production".

The unimpeded implementation of the above-mentioned activities has been endorsed in resolution 2231 (2015) and its annex B, in accordance with which they were exempted from any further authorization of the Council.

This recent sanction prevents the implementation of relevant nuclear-related provisions of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action by JCPOA participants, including the Islamic Republic of Iran as well as other member States. The United States not only violates resolution 2231 (2015), but also coerces other countries to stop implementing their relevant international commitments. As such, the United States shall bear full responsibility for the consequences of its unlawful acts.

It would be appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 83, and of the Security Council.

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