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## **The situation in the Middle East**

**Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**

**Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

**Right of peoples to self-determination**

## **Identical letters dated 19 July 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Further to our previous letters on this subject, and on instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following alarming information:

The Israeli occupation authorities are trying to pressure our people in the occupied Syrian Golan in order to compel them to register lands they have owned for generations with the Israeli Land Registration Office. They are being required to submit title deeds registered in the Syrian homeland or other instruments establishing ownership of land to the Land Registration Office of the Israeli occupying authorities, so that they can be given Israeli-issued title deeds in their place. Now the Israeli occupation authorities are sending Israeli officials from the Land Registration Office and the Israeli Ministry of the Interior to the occupied Syrian Golan to try to force Syrians there to sell their land to the Israeli occupiers.

What the Israeli occupation authorities are doing is part of a systematic policy of aggression aimed at seizing our people's land in the occupied Syrian Golan by force in flagrant violation of international law, international humanitarian law and human rights instruments, and in complete disregard of the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, in particular Security Council resolution [497 \(1981\)](#).

The Syrian Arab Republic again stresses that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of its territory that will be recovered sooner or later one way or another.



It reaffirms its support for its Syrian Arab citizens in their resistance against the Israeli occupation and their rejection of Israeli efforts, decisions and actions aimed at annexing the occupied Syrian Golan or changing its demographic, geographic or legal character.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to act without delay to maintain international peace and security by compelling Israel to cease its aggressive practices, illegal settlement policies and oppressive measures against our people in the occupied Syrian Golan, as those policies and measures constitute a flagrant violation of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, in particular Security Council resolution [497 \(1981\)](#), which provides that the Israeli decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration in the occupied Golan is null and void and without legal effect.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 38, 55, 64 and 73, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* **Bashar Ja'afari**  
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