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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**

### **Identical letters dated 18 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 18 June 2020, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34 and 51, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Bashar Ja'afari**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



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On instructions from my Government, I write further to our previous letters concerning the ongoing violations by Israel of international law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the authoritative international resolutions. I wish to bring it to your attention that Israel, the occupying Power, has approved the establishment of the so-called Trump Heights settlement in the occupied Syrian Golan. The announcement was made in order for the Prime Minister of the Israeli occupation entity to express his recognition to the American President Trump, who has violated United Nations resolutions and international law by unilaterally recognizing the purported sovereignty of Israel over the occupied Syrian Golan.

The settlement is to be built in northern Golan near the Kela Alon settlement, on the location of the Bruchim settlement, which was built in 1991 on the ruins and within the confines of the Syrian villages and farmland of Wasit, Samak, Zahiriyah, Qan'abah, Za'arta and Khirbat Bayda.

By approving the establishment of the settlement, the occupation authorities have committed a grave violation of resolutions in which the Security Council and the General Assembly have inter alia, persistently demanded that Israel, the occupying Power, end its occupation of the Syrian Golan and withdraw to the line of 4 June 1967; reiterated that Israel must refrain from changing the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan and, in particular, from establishing settlements; and stressed the illegality of the Israeli settlement construction and other activities in the occupied Syrian Golan.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again condemns in the strongest terms the illegitimate and immoral decision of the President of the United States of America regarding the so-called sovereignty of Israel over the occupied Syrian Arab Golan. That decision constitutes a flagrant violation of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the Organization, including resolution [497 \(1981\)](#), which was adopted unanimously by the Security Council. In that resolution, the Council acknowledges that the occupied Syrian Arab Golan is occupied Syrian land and that any actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Syrian Arab Golan, are null and void and have no legal effect whatsoever. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic considers the piece of paper signed by President Trump and offered as a gift to the Prime Minister of the Israeli occupying Power to be merely a unilateral and irresponsible act by a party that does not possess the political, legal or moral authority to decide the destinies of the peoples of the world or dispose of territories that constitute an integral part of the Syrian Arab Republic. Such unilateral conduct cannot in any way change the legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan, which is deemed under international law to be occupied Syrian territory.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to act urgently to compel Israel to cease its illegal settlement policies and oppressive measures against our people in the occupied Syrian Golan and to withdraw from the entire occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967. It reaffirms that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of its territory and that it will use all available means to return every inch of the Golan to the homeland, because its right to do so is eternal and cannot be extinguished by the passage of time.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34 and 51, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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