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**Identical letters dated 7 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Further to my previous letters, of which the most recent was dated 27 March 2018 (S/2018/269), and on instructions from my Government, I draw your attention to the following: On 27 December 2018, at 09:54:55 Qatari time, a Bahraini Air Force aircraft (call sign BAH-10) entered the airspace over Qatari territorial waters, violating the north-west sector of Qatari airspace without prior authorization from the competent Qatari authorities. Please find annexed a map of the aircraft's flight path (see annex 1). Qatari air traffic control requested Bahraini air traffic control to provide the State of Qatar with information on the aircraft. Bahraini air traffic control responded that it had no information on the aircraft in question. The Bahraini aircraft left Qatari airspace at 09:56:40 Qatari time. The International Civil Aviation Organization has been alerted to the incident. Please find annexed a copy of that letter (see annex 2).\*

These continued air violations of Qatari sovereignty by the Kingdom of Bahrain are in flagrant violation of international law, as are efforts to fabricate incidents that increase tension in the region with no regard for the implications for the security and stability of the State of Qatar. The Government of Qatar hereby brings the matter to the attention of the Security Council in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations and calls on the Council to take the measures necessary to put a stop to these provocative Bahraini violations for the sake of maintaining international peace and security as required by the Charter of the United Nations.

The State of Qatar condemns and strongly rejects such illegal behaviour, which violates its territorial sovereignty and integrity. It holds the Kingdom of Bahrain responsible for the aforementioned air violation and insists that Bahrain comply with international agreements, the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

Lastly, the Government of the State of Qatar would like to reaffirm that it is exercising the utmost self-restraint and striving assiduously to comply with the Charter of the United Nations and promote good-neighbourly relations. However, it reserves its full right to respond to any violations, as is its inherent sovereign right under international law. Qatar reiterates that it will take the measures required to defend its borders, airspace, maritime space and national security, in accordance with international laws and rules.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Alya Ahmed Saif **Al-Thani**  
Permanent Representative

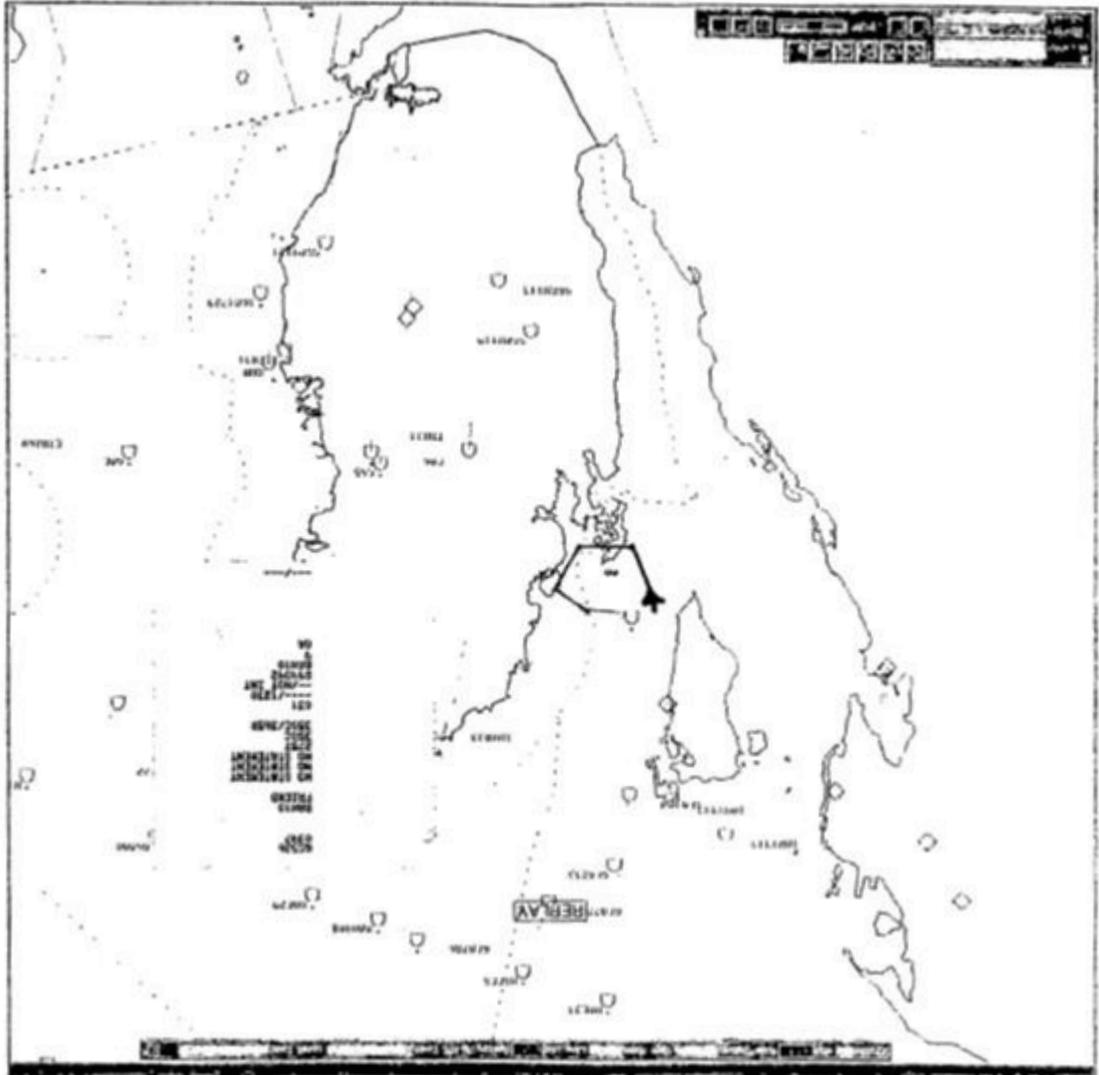
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\* Annex 2 is circulated in the language of submission only.



**Annex 1 to the identical letters dated 7 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Map of the flight path of Bahraini Air Force aircraft BAH-10**



**Annex 2 to the identical letters dated 7 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Copy of the letter from the President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority addressed to the International Civil Aviation Organization**

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*Excellencies,*

**Subject: - An Unlawful Intrusion into Qatari Airspace**

I wish to bring to the urgent attention of ICAO the following incident concerning an unlawful intrusion into Qatari airspace.

On the morning of 27 December 2018, Qatar ATC observed an aircraft operating in Bahrain airspace heading towards the northwest of Qatari airspace. The aircraft, BAH10 with Radar code 1230, entered Qatari sovereign airspace at FL 338 at 06:54:55 UTC and left at 06:56:40 UTC. This aircraft was not flying along established civilian routes. No flight plan information had been provided to Qatar. Doha ATC contacted Bahrain ATC to request information about the aircraft, but Bahrain ATC advised that it had no such information.

It is evident that there is ineffective civil / military coordination within Bahrain FIR.

The intrusion occurred in a restricted area, OTR52.

We would be grateful for the assistance of ICAO to prevent such unauthorized intrusions into Qatari airspace, which create conditions which carry potential to affect the safety of civilian traffic in the area.

Please accept assurances of my highest consideration,



**Abdulla Nasser Al-Subaey**

**President**

**CC:**

- H.E Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, Middle East Regional Office Director
- The Permanent Mission of The State of Qatar to ICAO

**Attachment:**

- A map showing the flight track of BAH10

BAH10 at FL338 (A1230) (date: 27 Dec 2018)



BAH10 at FL341 (A1230) (date: 27 Dec 2018)

