



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 24 April 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic categorically rejects the claims made in the Israeli letter ([S/2019/233](#)) concerning supposed Syrian violations of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement. We wish to clarify the following points:

1. As regards the claim that Syrian civilians crossed the ceasefire line in the southern and northern sections of the area of separation, the head of the United Nations forces active in the Golan has assured the Syrian side that he stated to the Israeli side that none of the United Nations positions or observation posts across the area of separation have witnessed or been able to confirm any instance in which Syrian civilians crossed the ceasefire line.
2. My country reiterates that it is committed to its obligations under the Disengagement of Forces Agreement. By contrast, Israel continues to refuse to implement United Nations resolutions calling for its withdrawal from the entire occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967. It has continued to commit numerous violations, contraventions and other breaches of the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement, including the following:
  - Israel has continued to hinder the work of United Nations inspection teams.
  - It has persisted with its rocket attacks and direct aerial bombardments both inside and outside the area of separation. The latest such attack took place on 13 April 2019.
  - It has deployed weapons, heavy equipment and advanced systems. Two Iron Dome air defence systems are in place at within the 10 km zone, and missile carriers have been installed within the 25 km zone.
  - It has prevented our people in the occupied Syrian Golan from travelling to and from the motherland Syria. It has also failed to open the Qunaytirah gate for any longer than two hours in order to allow United Nations forces to travel between the two sides of the area of separation.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) is therefore present on a temporary basis until such a time as Israel's occupation of the Syrian Golan comes to an end and Israel withdraws its forces from the entire occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.



The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to assume its responsibility to maintain international peace and security by implementing its resolutions, particularly Security Council resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#), [338 \(1973\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#); compel Israel to bring an end to its violations and acts of aggression against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic; and compel Israel to withdraw entirely from the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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