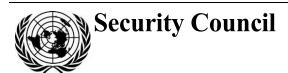
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Identical letters dated 26 July 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the statement that was issued on 26 July 2019 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates:

The Syrian Arab Republic strongly denounces the ongoing, destructive interference by the United States in Syria, the aim of which is to prolong and further complicate the crisis and to undermine the unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic. Syria reiterates that it categorically rejects any and all American-Turkish understandings, because they constitute a blatant attack against the sovereignty and unity of the territory and people of Syria, and a flagrant violation of the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. It also reiterates that the pretext proffered by the Turkish regime, namely, maintaining national security, in order to justify its aggression against Syria is undermined by its conduct and policies; indeed, that regime continues to be the primary supporter of terrorism and has provided terrorists with every form of military and logistical support.

Syria has warned repeatedly of the threat posed by the American project in Syria, which targets all Syrians, and it now once again calls upon certain parties that have supported this project to return to the national fold, to stop being a tool in this futile, base endeavour to undermine the unity of the Syrian homeland, and to abandon illusions that all Syrians have rejected categorically.

The Syrian Arab Republic, which has been countering terrorism in all its forms for eight years, reaffirms that it will continue to pursue any remaining terrorists, until they have been eradicated from the entirety of Syrian territory, and to resist all separatist projects, which pose a threat to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Syria. At the same time, it reiterates that it continues to pursue constructive engagement, with a view to ending the crisis through a Syrian-led political process that proceeds without external interference, and to restoring security and stability to a single and united Syria.

The Syrian people, who have made sacrifices in the fight against terrorist groups, will not allow anyone to encroach on the sovereignty and undermine the territorial unity of Syria, and they are now even more determined to defend the territory of the Syrian homeland and preserve its unity, independence and sovereign national will.





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

(Signed) Mounzer **Mounzer** Chargé d'affaires a.i. Minister Plenipotentiary

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