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## Letter dated 6 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with respect to the letter contained in document S/2019/688, wherein the representative of the Israeli regime has desperately attempted, through fabrication and disinformation, to justify all recent unlawful acts committed by that regime in gross violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of certain regional countries, as well as the peremptory norms of international law entailing its responsibility.

While rejecting all claims raised in the aforementioned letter, as well as the fabrications in another letter of the Israeli regime contained in document S/2019/704, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran fully supports the inherent right of all regional countries who were attacked by the Zionist regime to self-defence against any violation of their sovereignty and territorial integrity or any imminent or attempted attack by that regime.

The criminal regime of Israel, which is intrinsically founded on aggression, occupation, terror and intimidation, brazenly continues committing all such unlawful, provocative and destabilizing actions with total impunity essentially due to the unreserved support of the United States. This, inter alia, includes sheltering the regime against any action by the Security Council, which has led to the failure of this body in fulfilling its responsibilities in preventing the Zionist regime from committing all such illegal and illegitimate acts.

The expansionist policies, aggressive practices and inhumane conduct of the Israeli regime have been and continue to be the main source of insecurity and instability in the Middle East and pose a significant threat to international peace and security. If unchecked, this regime would unequivocally be further emboldened to commit more crimes and to further destabilize the region.

While we strongly condemn all recent unlawful and destabilizing measures of the Israeli regime against some States in the region, the Security Council is called upon, in discharging its Charter-based responsibilities, to prevent further unlawful acts by that regime. The Council must also acknowledge Israel's responsibilities for the recent invasions and hold it accountable for all of its violations of international law.

It would be highly appreciated if you could have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

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