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**Letter dated 23 October 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 regarding the letter contained in document [S/2019/716](#).

The dissemination of fake news, fabrication and disinformation regarding regional countries, particularly the Islamic Republic of Iran, has long been a standard practice of the Israeli regime, pursued with the exclusive purpose of concealing the crimes and brutalities of that regime and its inhumane, immoral and illegal policies and practices. Nevertheless, it is quite evident that no amount of smear campaigning, spreading disinformation and creating manufactured crises can cover up the criminal nature of the Israeli regime, as well as the expansionist and warmongering policies that this regime has followed over the course of the past 70 years.

It is a fact that, in addition to the nature of the Israeli regime, which is founded on aggression, occupation and other inhumane and illegal measures, the full-fledged and unreserved support of the United States of America, which resulted in rendering the Security Council inactive and ineffective with respect to all crimes and illegal measures of the Israeli regime, has played a major role in emboldening that regime to continue such policies and practices unabatedly and with total impunity.

If unchecked, the continuation of the destabilizing measures and warmongering policies of the Israeli regime will further complicate the already complex and volatile security situation in the Middle East. Therefore, in order to prevent the threat posed to the security of the region and beyond by the Israeli regime, the international community must compel it to stop all of its crimes and brutalities, mainly against Palestinians, and adhere to international law, including in particular by joining, without any precondition and further delay as a non-nuclear-weapon party, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, thus providing the ground for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, proposed by Iran in 1974.

Categorically rejecting all claims made in the aforesaid letter, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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