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**Identical letters dated 8 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative 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 again to draw to your attention the following information.

Further to our previous letters to the Secretariat and the Office of the President of the Security Council regarding ongoing Turkish violations of Syrian territory and the inhumane practices of the Turkish occupation forces in northern Syria, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that on 7 May 2020, Turkish occupying forces suspended operation of the drinking water pump at the Aluk water station. That water station is the only source of drinking water for more than 1 million Syrian civilians in Hasakah and rural communities to the west of that city. This new act comes in addition to the bombing and destruction of infrastructure by Turkish forces and their proxy armed terrorist groups in areas occupied by Turkish forces where armed terrorist groups are present along the Syrian-Turkish border, especially in Idlib governorate.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic condemns these criminal practices of the Turkish occupation forces, including cutting off water from the people of Hasakah, which is another war crime that can be added to the crimes of occupation and invasion. The Syrian Government calls on the Security Council and the Secretariat to intervene immediately to compel the Turkish regime to respect the most basic rules of international law and put the Aluk water station back into service, as well as to put an end to the Turkish invasion and occupation of Syrian territory and Turkish support for terrorism and interference in the internal affairs of Syria. Such action would be in keeping with the Security Council's responsibilities and obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and in line with its duty to address inhumane practices aimed at harassing civilians and depriving them of their livelihoods and lives. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic also stresses that it should be plainly understood that the objective of these Turkish crimes is to carry out a policy of systematic displacement of Syrian citizens in areas occupied by Turkey in order to bring about demographic change in the service of expansionist and colonial goals.

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

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