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Identical letters dated 11 May 2021 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 to convey to you the following:

Israel has launched fresh attacks in its series of repeated attacks on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. At 0218 hours Damascus time on Wednesday, 5 May 2021, it launched a missile attack against the coastal area south-west of Ladhikiyah and the Masyaf area. According to preliminary reports, this vicious Israeli attack resulted in the death of a Syrian civilian and injury to six others, including a child and his mother. It also caused material damage and losses.

In a second attack, this one against the Qunaytirah countryside, after midnight Damascus time on Thursday, 6 May 2021, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile from over the occupied Syrian Arab Golan at one of the outposts in the town of Jubbata al-Khashab, without causing damage.

These two vicious Israeli attacks violate the principles of international law, the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and the relevant United Nations resolutions, in particular Security Council resolution [350 \(1974\)](#) concerning disengagement. As usual, the Israeli occupation authorities continue to benefit from the unconditional umbrella of protection provided to them by the Governments of well-known permanent Security Council members. That only emboldens them to continue their aggression, occupation and repeated violations of international law that continue to pose a major threat to regional and international peace and security.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again draws the attention of the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council to the grave danger posed by these repeated Israeli violations and attacks against the territory, sovereignty and independence of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as to stability of the region and international peace and security. My country's Government again warns of the consequences of the Security Council neglecting its responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security and shirking its obligation to deal seriously and directly with these repeated Israeli attacks on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. My Government also reserves its right and duty under international law to use all appropriate means to repel these Israeli attacks and protect the unity, independence and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Lastly, the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter, primarily its responsibility for the



maintenance of international peace and security, and to fully implement and enforce its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#) and [338 \(1973\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#), by taking decisive and immediate action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its attacks on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, end its occupation of the Syrian Arab Golan, and withdraw from all occupied territories 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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