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Letter dated 29 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to respond to the letter dated 26 January 2024 ([S/2024/101](#)) from the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations. The letter contains unwarranted references alleging that militia groups affiliated with the Islamic Republic of Iran's armed forces were involved in actions against United States personnel and facilities in Iraq and Syria.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects these unfounded allegations. As previously emphasized in our correspondence, including the letters dated 4 December 2023 and 2 January 2024 ([S/2023/953](#) and [S/2024/9](#)), there is no group affiliated with the Islamic Republic of Iran's armed forces, whether in Iraq, Syria or elsewhere, that operates directly or indirectly under the control of the Islamic Republic of Iran or acts on its behalf. Therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran is not responsible for the actions of any individual or group within the region.

Furthermore, the actions undertaken by the United States in Syria and Iraq are illegal and violate both international law and the Charter of the United Nations, particularly Article 2 (4) of the Charter. Consequently, the notification submitted by the United States to the Security Council in the aforementioned letter under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations lacks a legal foundation and fails to legitimize such actions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amir Saeid **Iravani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

