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Identical letters dated 23 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to inform you of yet another Iranian violation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015). The present letter is the most recent in a series of letters, sent on 10 February, 13 April and 10 May 2018 (S/2018/111, S/2018/349 and S/2018/443), regarding Iranian breaches of the resolution in 2018, including the missiles it fired from Syria into Israel and the armed unmanned aerial vehicle it launched from Syria into Israeli airspace.

Since the beginning of 2018, Iran has violated Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) continuously and through diverse methods, including through the launching of ballistic missiles. I wish to inform the Council of two such ballistic missile launches, which took place in January 2018:

1.   On 2 January, Iran launched a Shabab-3 variant from the Chabahar (south-east Iran) firing range;

2.   On 5 January, Iran launched a Scud variant from a firing range 110 km north-east of Kerman.

Both the Shabab-3 and Scud missiles are category I ballistic missiles, as defined in the Missile Technology Control Regime, capable of delivering a nuclear payload of 500 kg with a range of over 300 km. Iran's activities are therefore in violation of article 3 of annex B to Security Council resolution 2231 (2015).

Iran continues to ignore its obligations to the international community and to further destabilize the Middle East, particularly in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen and the Gaza Strip. Its activities pose a direct threat to Israel and the entire region. The Security Council must remain vigilant of Iranian aggression and ensure Iran's strict compliance with international law.

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

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