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Letter dated 27 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to bring to your kind attention that another wave of inflammatory statements as well as threats to use force against my country have been made by Israel.

In an interview held on 6 December 2019, when the Israeli Foreign Minister was asked, “Is bombing Iran an option that Israel is considering?”, he responded, “Yes, it is an option” and “we will act militarily”.¹

In another instance, while speaking in a conference held on 8 December 2019, the Defense Minister of the aforementioned regime stated that Israel “must move ... to offensive”² against Iran.

Additionally, on 25 December 2019, the Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces referred to the possibility of “a limited confrontation with Iran” and said “we are preparing for it”.³

These statements are only a few examples of the threats made by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Some other provocative statements and threats of Israel against my country are also contained in letters from the Islamic Republic of Iran issued as Security Council documents: [A/61/571-S/2006/884](#), [A/61/954-S/2007/354](#), [A/62/705-S/2008/117](#), [A/62/798-S/2008/240](#), [S/2008/377](#), [S/2008/599](#), [S/2008/790](#), [S/2009/520](#), [S/2009/202](#), [S/2012/660](#), [S/2012/817](#), [S/2015/353](#), [S/2017/934](#), [S/2018/1156](#), [A/73/409-S/2018/859](#), [S/2019/241](#) and [S/2019/573](#).

Such hostile expressions constitute gross violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations.

Bearing in mind the already volatile situation in the Middle East, compelling the Israeli regime to put an immediate end to all of its provocations and threats is both necessary and urgent. In view of that, and taking into account other destabilizing practices of the Israeli regime in the region, the Security Council must prevent the threats of the Israeli regime against regional countries and hold it accountable for all

¹ https://www.corriere.it/esteri/19_dicembre_06/noi-israeliani-collaboriamo-sauditicontra-l-iran-02f98670-1868-11ea-addc-85aa5b33ebd7.shtml.

² <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-08/israel-sees-bombing-iran-as-last-option-katz-tells-corriere>.

³ <https://themedialine.org/mideast-daily-news/israeli-military-chief-preparing-for-limited-confrontation-with-iran/>.



of its threats and wrongful acts, which are endangering international peace and security.

While seriously warning the Israeli regime to avoid military adventurism, I would like to stress that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not hesitate to take all appropriate necessary measures in exercising its inherent right to self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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

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