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### **Identical letters dated 4 June 2019 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 the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, and further to my previous letters on the topic, I should like to reiterate the following points:

Certain States members of the Security Council and, in particular, Western States led by the United States of America, have been spreading misinformation to the effect that the Syrian Arab Army and its allies have bombarded civilian targets and facilities in Idlib governorate and elsewhere. We find it extremely regrettable that United Nations Secretariat officials have acted unprofessionally by taking part in that process, whose fundamental purpose is to mislead global public opinion in order to defend the Nusra Front, which has been listed as a terrorist organization by the Security Council.

The Turkish side has defended the Nusra Front and its crimes; but the data and information that have been published make no mention of its role. That approach means turning a blind eye to the Turkish regime's crimes against Syria, its constant violations of Security Council resolutions, and the way it has protected terrorist groups at any cost. The terrorist groups' attacks have destroyed much of the infrastructure and killed dozens if not hundreds of innocent civilians in recent months. The following is a summary of some of the crimes committed by the terrorist groups over the last few days:

The armed terrorist groups have continued to attack defenceless residential areas in the Syrian Arab Republic. On 29 May, they launched several missiles at the town of Qumhanah, killing a woman and wounding five civilians. On 26 May, they launched 22 missiles at the city of Suqaylibiyah, wounding two civilians. From the town of Kafr Zayta, the terrorist groups launched several missiles at the outskirts of Muhradah city. On 25 May, they launched several shells at residential buildings in Bilhusayn village in the northern Hama countryside, inflicting injuries of different degrees of severity on a woman and a child. That very morning, they had launched rockets at residential neighbourhoods in Suqaylibiyah city and the village of Ayn al-Kurum, causing material damage to several homes.

Numerous rockets landed in the cities of Salhab and Suqaylibiyah, wounding a man and a woman. On 31 May, terrorist groups stationed in villages in the countryside of northern Hama and southern Idlib launched several rockets at residential neighbourhoods in Qumhanah, wounding five civilians.



On 1 June, the terrorist groups launched several rockets at the towns of Qal‘at al-Madiq, Karkat and Shathah in the northern and north-western countryside of Hama, causing material damage.

The Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that these terrorist attacks will not deter it from continuing to combat terrorism, striving to restore security and stability to the Syrian people, and rebuilding what the terrorists and their partners, financiers and supporters have destroyed.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Security Council and the Secretary-General to condemn immediately and forcefully this terrorist escalation against defenceless populations, and to support the Syrian State in its war against terrorism. Moreover, it urges the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security by taking preventive and punitive measures against those regimes and governments that support and fund terrorism, with a view to implementing the relevant resolutions of the Council, particularly resolutions [2170 \(2014\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2199 \(2015\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#). By preventing the condemnation of these terrorist crimes, certain Western States on the Security Council will send a message to the terrorists and their sponsor regimes that they can persist with their acts of terrorism and crimes against the Syrian people.

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

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