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Identical letters dated 26 June 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission 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, and further to previous letters regarding grave and recurring violations by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to inform you of fresh violations of Syrian sovereignty that have been committed by the Turkish regime and of the regime's continuing support for terrorism and the threat it poses to international peace and security.

The Turkish regime has continued to illegally seize property and land belonging to Syrian citizens and to build walls inside Syrian territory, including one built recently extending from the Harim district in Idlib governorate to the village of Fawziyah, passing through the villages and districts of Dayr al-Ruhban, Sakhrāh, Zal'um, Wazawazah, Kafr Hum and Dalbiya. It also built a wall inside Syrian territory in the Jisr al-Shughur area of Idlib governorate, in the villages and districts of Khirbat al-Jawz, Bayt Sufan, Zawf, Zanbaqi, Ayn Sharatit, Dirriyah and Ayn al-Bayda. Another wall that the Turkish regime built inside Syrian territory extends from the city of Ayn Diwar to Amuda district in Hasakah governorate.

During their attack, Turkish military forces kidnapped a number of Syrian civilians from the above-mentioned villages and districts, uprooted fruit trees and razed the land that they had seized. They also made incursions into Syrian territory, grabbing farmland belonging to Syrian citizens in the villages and districts of Sarmada, Wastah, Ra's al-Hisn and Mazuq in Idlib governorate and building barrier walls in those areas. They also attacked and seized the archaeological sites of Qasr Iblis and Khirbat Tizin.

The Turkish regime is continuing its attacks against Syrian territory with a view to undermining the sovereignty and security of the Syrian Arab Republic and its territorial unity and integrity; the regime is also continuing to support terrorist groups and to steal and loot public and private property in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemns the Turkish Government's continued and recurring attacks and crimes against the Syrian people and the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Syria. It once again calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security and put an end to the Turkish regime's acts of aggression and outrageous violations of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and all Security Council resolutions on Syria and counter-



terrorism, as well as the regime's violation of the principles of friendly relations and good-neighbourliness among States endorsed by the General Assembly. The Turkish Government must be held accountable for those violations. It must also be compelled to halt its support for terrorism and immediately implement Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism.

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

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