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Letter dated 13 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the response by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the allegations made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates during the general debate of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 13 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to its letters dated 25 July 2014 ([S/2014/549](#)) and 15 May 2015 ([S/2015/348](#)) and with reference to the allegations made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates during the general debate of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly regarding the three Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb (also made in the note verbale dated 28 June 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations ([A/71/969](#))), this Permanent Mission has the honour to state the following:

The Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb are inseparable and integral parts of Iranian territory. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects any claim to the contrary, including the baseless allegations referred to above.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always pursued the policy of friendship and good-neighbourliness toward all neighbouring countries, including the United Arab Emirates. In this context and following the previous bilateral talks, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again expresses its readiness to discuss any misunderstanding that may exist between the two countries.
