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### Letter dated 25 June 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, the views of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the seventh report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), contained in document [S/2019/492](#), are hereby presented:

(a) The United States' unilateral sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran, pursuant to its illegal withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, have reached unprecedented levels within the past six months (see [A/73/885-S/2019/429](#)). We took note that the Secretary-General referred to those sanctions as “contrary to the goals set out in the Plan and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)” which “impede the ability of the Islamic Republic of Iran to implement certain provisions of the Plan and of the resolution”. The United States' unlawful sanctions not only blatantly violate Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, but also practically prevent their full and effective implementation by all States, regional organizations and international organizations;

(b) Iran's announcement on 8 May 2019, referred to in paragraph 3 of the report, is fully consistent with the provisions of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action aimed at its balanced implementation. The aforementioned announcement was made in the exercise of the rights stipulated under paragraphs 26 and 36 of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Moreover, the voluntary measures that were ceased to perform may be reversed whenever sanction-lifting and economic-related commitments, especially in banking and oil fields, are implemented. As the Secretary-General explains in paragraph 5 of the report, “the lifting of sanctions allowing for the normalization of trade and economic relations constitute an essential part of the Plan” and, to this end, effective actions shall be made “as a matter of priority” both within the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action framework as well as the United Nations system. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action shall be “promoting and facilitating the development of normal economic and trade contacts and cooperation with Iran”, as Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) emphasized, and also be “delivering tangible economic benefits to the Iranian people”, as the Secretary-General rightly expressed;

(c) The United States' bullying and unlawful sanctions have adversely affected the implementation of all parts of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), including its annex B. The Secretary-General and the Security Council are invited to carefully consider concerns with regard to annex B, as previously expressed by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the letters dated 28 August 2017 ([S/2017/739](#)), 19 December 2017



(S/2017/1075), 26 June 2018 (S/2018/634) and 11 December 2018 (S/2018/1108). The status quo, that not even a single authorization has been granted by the Security Council pursuant to paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 (b) of annex B, has rendered those paragraphs as well as the Secretary-General reporting on them irrelevant;

(d) The report once again focused “on the provisions set forth in annex B to resolution 2231 (2015)”, contrary to the requirement of paragraph 7 of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2016/44), which “requests that the Secretary-General report to the Security Council every six months on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015)”. As elaborated in the letters dated 17 July 2016 (S/2016/626), 18 January 2017 (S/2017/51), 29 June 2017 (S/2017/560), 19 December 2017 (S/2017/1075), 26 June 2018 (S/2018/634) and 11 December 2018 (S/2018/1108) from the Islamic Republic of Iran, any report on the implementation of the resolution shall consider the commitments of all participants of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as well as the commitments of all States for the implementation of the resolution;

(e) Paragraphs 12, 13, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35 and 39 of the report imply the Secretariat’s continued unauthorized engagement, contrary to paragraphs 6 and 10 of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2016/44), in verification visits “to examine” allegations regarding implementation of annex B to the resolution as well as information-gathering from unreliable media sources. Such *ultra vires* activities lack legitimacy and adversely affect the credibility of the reports on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015);

(f) The report contains some statements in paragraphs 12, 28, 29 and 32 which by no means meet the criterion of professional conduct. Those statements appear to be based on fabricated information provided by the United States of America, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, whose contempt of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) is well known. Such information should have been treated as inadmissible or dealt with more cautiously. It was, however, used straightforwardly for concrete conclusions even when the Secretariat was not apparently confident about the integrity of the data, as the report suggests on several occasions;

(g) The Security Council resolutions that were terminated in accordance with resolution 2231 (2015) have no standing anymore. Therefore, the Secretariat is called upon to refrain from making any reference to those resolutions in the reports of the Secretary-General;

(h) The statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran following the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), which is reflected in the annex to document S/2015/550, and the positions contained therein, are hereby reiterated once more, as they are relevant today as they were before.

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

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