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### **Identical letters dated 14 August 2020 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 my Government and further to our letters regarding the acts of aggression and serious crimes committed against Syrian civilians by the so-called “international coalition” led by the United States and its proxy militias and terrorist organizations, I should like to convey to you the following alarming information:

The Governments of the States hostile to my country have not been satisfied with the crimes they have already committed against the Syrian people in the course of occupying their land, looting and destroying their resources, and besieging and starving them. Nor are they satisfied with their documented grave violations of the principles of international law and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations (of which we have kept you informed in hundreds of official letters) or with the support they have provided to barbaric terrorist organizations that spill the blood of Syrians. They have felt compelled to add to the above by resorting to attacks on civilian aircraft passing through Syrian airspace, in flagrant violation of international law and the rules governing international civil aviation, including the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation. That has been made clear by the attack launched by the United States Air Force on Thursday, 23 July 2020, at 1915 local time. A United States fighter jet made a dangerous approach at an Iranian Mahan Air civilian aircraft carrying civilian passengers from Tehran to Beirut at an altitude of 34,000 feet over the Tanf area, which is under occupation by the United States and its terrorist gangs.

An identical attack occurred again over Tanf the following day, Friday, 24 July 2020, at 1655 hours local time, against a Fly Baghdad civilian aircraft flying from Baghdad to Beirut.

The United States attacks have not been limited to these two flights. They are just two examples of the aggressive approach on the part of the “international coalition” that imperils the safety and security of civil aviation. The illegal coalition’s warplanes have carried out numerous attacks, including the following:

- On 7 June 2020, a military fighter jet made an approach at a Cham Wings aircraft flying from Qamishli to Damascus, over the Tanf area.
- On 2 July 2020, a military fighter jet made an approach at a World Food Programme aircraft flying from Damascus to Qamishli, near Dayr al-Zawr.



- On 16 July 2020, a military fighter jet made an approach at a World Food Programme aircraft flying from Damascus to Qamishli, near Tanf.
- On 20 July 2020, a military fighter jet made an approach at Qatar Airways flight 3278 flying from Algiers to Doha, over the Tanf area.
- On 20 July 2020, a military fighter jet made an approach at Qatar Airways flight 204 flying from Athens to Doha, over the Tanf area.

These hostile and terrorizing acts were not the first of their kind. On several previous occasions, the Israeli Air Force has used Syrian and Russian civilian aircraft for cover while attacking my country's territory, employing civilian passengers as human shields without regard for their feelings or lives. It has also threatened the safety of international civil aviation in Lebanese airspace, which it has repeatedly and persistently used to attack Syrian territory, as has been reported to the Security Council in dozens of official letters from both my Government and the Lebanese Government.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again demands that the Secretary-General and the Security Council condemn these attacks and compel the United States-led so-called "international coalition" to end its occupation of Syrian territory and its violations of international law, international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations.

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

*(Signed)* **Bashar Ja'afari**  
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