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Identical letters dated 29 September 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 previous letters, I should like to draw your attention to the following:

The terrorism-sponsoring Turkish regime is continuing its hostile actions against the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, in flagrant violation of international law, the principles and purposes of the United Nations and the principles of friendly relations and good-neighbourliness among States. The Turkish regime has continued to appropriate and plunder yet more Syrian territory by rerouting the so-called “separation wall” – which is illegal to begin with – in rural northern and western Idlib, and relocating the provisional stone border marker in the Fawwar area north of the city of Harim. That was accompanied by attacks on Syrian farmers by residents of some Turkish towns.

The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that it strongly condemns the conduct of the Erdoğan regime and its flagrant violations of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, which in the past few years have included attacks and occupation by that regime’s forces in violation of the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of my country. Moreover, the Erdoğan regime has supported terrorist groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Nusra Front and associated entities and groups; robbed and plundered the wealth and natural resources of the Syrian people; spread death and destruction; pursued a policy of forced displacement, demographic change and siege; used drinking water as a weapon against civilians; and, along with its terrorist organization proxies, deliberately burned large tracts of land that had been planted with wheat and barley. All of these acts are war crimes and crimes against humanity for which the Erdoğan regime must be held accountable.

The Syrian Arab Republic again stresses that the presence of Turkish military forces on Syrian soil is an act of aggression and occupation. The Turkish regime’s appropriation of Syrian territory and building of its so-called “separation wall” will not alter the legal status of that territory or the fact that it belongs to the Syrian Arab Republic. It will not have any effect whatsoever on the sovereign legal rights of the Syrian Arab Republic, nor will it constitute a *fait accompli* for any future bilateral demarcation of the border.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities and to deal firmly and swiftly with the



practices of the Turkish regime, which has proven yet again that it has no regard for the Charter of the United Nations and is willing to flout the relevant international conventions, laws and Security Council resolutions, all of which affirm the need for a strong commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of my country.

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

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