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Letter dated 24 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you with regard to a statement made by the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 22 September 2021, in the course of the general debate of the seventy-six session of the General Assembly.

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to re-emphasize that establishing friendly relations as well as peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries have always been and continue to be its top priority. We firmly believe that stability in the broader Persian Gulf region can be achieved and strengthened only through genuine dialogue within the context of a regional process with the active, equal and constructive engagement of all regional countries based on mutual respect, inclusivity and the basic principles of international law, particularly respect for the territorial integrity of States and non-interference in their internal affairs.

Based on this long-standing principled position, we have genuinely engaged in a bilateral dialogue with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hoping that it will lead to building mutual trust and confidence and help promote peace, stability and prosperity in the entire region through its cessation from all types of support for terrorist groups that have brought only war, destruction and suffering to the peoples of the world. We are determined to constructively continue such talks and hope that Saudi Arabia will also engage genuinely in its next round.

The naked truth is that sustained peace in our region, including in Yemen, would not be established by aggression, air strikes against women and children, imposing an inhumane blockade against an entire nation, preventing the import of much-needed humanitarian goods, including fuel, food, medicine and medical equipment, using starvation as a method of war and supporting terrorist groups like Al-Qaida.

My delegation would like to categorically reject all negative campaigns and allegations against my country in the statement made by the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in particular with regard to Iran's nuclear programme, which is exclusively for peaceful purposes, and we reiterate that all our related activities are in full conformity with our respective international obligations. In accordance with international law, we have an inalienable right to develop research,



production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and we are determined to exercise this right in full.

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

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Ambassador
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