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Letter dated 16 December 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 further to our previous letters dated 1 February 2021 (S/2021/103), 12 April 2021 (A/75/852-S/2021/347), 27 August 2021 (S/2021/758), 14 September 2021 (S/2021/794) and 13 October 2021 (S/2021/872) concerning the threats made by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran and its peaceful nuclear programme.

Following his previous threats against Iran including the one made last August,¹ the Israeli regime's Defense Minister, in his recent visit to Washington,² has reportedly told the American officials that he has instructed the Israel Defense Forces to prepare for a strike against Iran.³ It is also worth noting that the Israeli regime has reportedly allocated \$1.5 billion to reinforce its capabilities to attack Iran's nuclear facilities.⁴

This is part of systematic public threats made by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the number and severity of which have reached an alarming level in the year 2021. This and other threats of the Israeli regime constitute gross violations of international law, particularly Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations.

Bearing in mind the dark record of the Israeli regime in conducting covert operations against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities as well as terrorist acts against Iranian scientists, the international community must compel that regime to stop all its threats and outlaw conduct.

If unchecked, these provocative and wrongful acts would gradually and yet seriously weaken and erode the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of States, enshrined in the United Nations Charter, and undermine other rules of international law.

¹ <https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-business-iran-israel-iran-nuclear-66329ed97cdd7ef98fd336fda72e223e>.

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/10/us/politics/iran-nuclear-us-israel-biden-bennett.html>.

³ <https://themedialine.org/top-stories/israel-presSES-military-option-on-iran-as-nuclear-talks-appear-to-crumble/>.

⁴ <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy-defense/1634587105-israel-approves-nis-5-billion-to-target-iran-s-nuclear-program>.



Accordingly, the Security Council must live up to its responsibilities and, while preventing any possible provocative action by the Israeli regime, hold that regime fully accountable for all its unlawful measures.

The Islamic Republic of Iran warns against any miscalculation and possible military adventurism of the Israeli regime and all associated consequences on the peace and security of the region, and reserves its inherent right to self-defence to decisively respond to any aggressive measures by the Israeli regime.

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

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