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## **Note verbale dated 24 January 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat and has the honour to transmit the attached note (see annex) in response to the letter dated 7 December 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations ([A/76/590](#)), for circulation and issuance as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.



## **Annex to the note verbale dated 24 January 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat, and has the honour to submit the following considerations and request that they be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

The Argentine Republic considers it necessary to make the following comments on the remarks of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran contained in the annex to the letter dated 7 December 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/76/590](#)) in response to the address made by Alberto Fernández, President of the Argentine Republic, on 21 September 2021 during the general debate of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

Firstly, we once again reject the remarks made by the Iranian Government regarding the memorandum of understanding between the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the issues related to the terrorist attack against the head office of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) (Argentine Jewish Mutual Association) in Buenos Aires on 18 July 1994, signed on 27 January 2013.

The Argentine Republic wishes to reiterate that, as is well known to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the memorandum of understanding has never entered into force, since neither of the two countries has informed the other that its internal requirements have been met, as stipulated in the memorandum, in which no provision is made for any other form of entry into force. The Islamic Republic of Iran cannot be unaware that the memorandum of understanding has never entered into force. The Iranian Government must also know that, as stated in the note addressed to it by the Argentine Government on 9 June 2017, it is the manifest will of Argentina not to become a party to the memorandum of understanding.

With regard to the Iranian proposal that a technical meeting with the Argentine judicial authorities be held to clarify the ambiguities and translation problems that the Islamic Republic of Iran alleges prevent it from responding to the letters rogatory issued by the Argentine courts in the AMIA case, the Islamic Republic of Iran fails to mention that, in order for such a meeting to be constructive for and beneficial to both parties, the Argentine Government has repeatedly requested the Iranian Government to provide more details of the alleged ambiguities and translation problems. The lack of a response from the Iranian Government, however, has prevented the holding of the meeting, and Argentina has therefore duly stated that it will take no further steps to arrange a technical meeting until the Islamic Republic of Iran shows a clear willingness to cooperate with the investigation into the AMIA attack.

The Argentine Republic therefore takes this opportunity to urge the Islamic Republic of Iran once again, in accordance with international law, in particular Security Council resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#), and as proof of the alleged real and genuine willingness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate with the Argentine judicial authorities to further the investigation into the most brutal terrorist attack committed in our territory, to respond, without further delays, ambiguities or unproductive statements, to the 18 letters addressed to it between 2000 and 2012, and to grant the extradition of the Iranian citizens wanted by the Argentine justice system.