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**Identical letters dated 5 October 2023 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 brutal terrorist attacks being committed by terrorist organizations supported by the American occupiers and other international actors that are their partners in taking Syrian lives and undermining the security and stability of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to convey to you the following:

In the afternoon of Thursday, 5 October 2023, terrorist organizations used explosive-laden drones to attack the graduation ceremony for the cadets of the Military Academy in the Syrian city of Homs, killing several civilians and military personnel and injuring dozens of others, some critically. Among those critically injured were family members, in particular women and children, who were attending the graduation ceremony, as well as academy students and graduates.

The Syrian Arab Republic condemns this heinous crime, which demonstrates yet again that the perpetrators of this attack are continuing to pursue the bloody and brutal terrorist approach from which the Syrian people have suffered over the years. It also demonstrates that these terrorist organizations are serving their masters' and sponsors' objectives of carrying on with and prolonging their terrorist war against Syria and intimidating the Syrian people, as well as prolonging the illegal presence of American, Israeli and Turkish forces, in order to serve the base interests of those actors at the expense of the lives of innocent Syrians.

The Syrian Arab Republic emphasizes that this act of terrorism will not deter it from pressing ahead with its effort to eradicate the scourge of terrorism and its sponsors. It furthermore emphasizes that it will respond decisively and with full force to these terrorist organizations, regardless of where they might be in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, until they have been completely eliminated. Syria will continue its effort to liberate its territory from the illegal foreign military presence and associated militias and criminal entities.



The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the United Nations and the Security Council to condemn this cowardly act of terrorism, hold accountable the States that sponsor terrorism for their crimes against the Syrian people and ensure implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, the most significant of which are resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#), [2170 \(2014\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2195 \(2014\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#), as well as the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, in order to eliminate terrorism and eradicate its roots, as well as to prevent terrorism from being used as a tool to promote the political agendas of States that pursue a systematic policy of violating international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if the present letters could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 109, and of the Security Council.

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