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Letter dated 31 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to express my strong condemnation and categorical rejection of the recent hate speech, racist remarks and unfounded allegations made by the representative of the Israeli regime against my country during the emergency session of the Security Council held on 30 October 2023, in connection with the item “The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question” ([S/Agenda/9462](#)). Given the format of the meeting, which prevented the Iranian delegation from participating and responding to the unfounded accusations made against my country, I would like to bring the following points to the attention of the Council members:

1. Once again, the Israeli regime’s representative misused the Security Council Chamber to spread Iran’s phobia and made fabrications and baseless accusations against Iran. Not content with these unfounded allegations, he then resorted to spreading lies, disinformation and hateful and inflammatory language, while attacking the dignity of Iranian officials. This odious behaviour is a clear example of promoting hatred and should be unequivocally condemned.

2. This provocative and irresponsible behaviour is entirely consistent with the Israeli regime’s long record of utilizing deception and lies as tools. Just last week, following the Secretary-General’s fact-based statement during the open debate of the Security Council on the Palestine issue held on 24 October 2023 ([S/Agenda/9451](#)), in which he correctly stated that Hamas’s actions did not occur in isolation or in a vacuum, the Israeli regime’s representative attacked the Secretary-General’s dignity and engaged in hate speech, even going so far as to demand his resignation as the highest official of the United Nations.

3. The authorities of this regime openly disregard any respect or acknowledgement of the United Nations and openly declare non-compliance with United Nations resolutions. However, they opportunistically utilize the United Nations platform to propagate hate, disseminate disinformation and divert international attention away from the severe atrocities being perpetrated against the Palestinian people in occupied Palestine. This manipulation is facilitated by the unwavering support of the United States.

4. Israel, the occupying apartheid regime, has continued to blatantly violate the fundamental principles and norms of international law, notably international humanitarian law and international human rights law, in occupied Palestine for over seven decades. These violations include brutal massacres, the forced displacement and transfer of civilians, the deliberate targeting of civilians, notably women and



children, as well as critical and civilian infrastructure, and the use of starvation as a method of warfare against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. All these criminal actions constitute the gravest international crimes, and their documentation by relevant international bodies is meticulous and extensive. As a result, the Israeli regime must be held accountable and not be permitted to evade responsibility or avoid punishment through disinformation campaigns or by attempting to shift blame onto others.

5. The Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon the international community, in particular the Security Council, to fulfil its responsibilities and take resolute actions. These actions must compel the Israeli regime to end its occupation, cease its acts of aggression and adhere unwaveringly to its international obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

6. I would like to take this opportunity to categorically reject the unsubstantiated allegations made against my country in the identical letters dated 24 August, 8 October and 11 October 2023 from the representative of the Israeli regime addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council ([S/2023/623](#), [S/2023/744](#) and [S/2023/756](#)). It is evident that the Israeli regime is attempting to justify and conceal its criminal acts and atrocities against the Palestinian people in occupied Palestine, along with its persistent breaches of Security Council resolutions [1559 \(2004\)](#) and [1701 \(2006\)](#), by levying such unfounded accusations.

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

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