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### Letter dated 13 December 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In light of recurrent baseless accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and further to our previous communications on this issue, including the letters dated 23 October 2023 ([S/2023/812](#)) and 5 December 2023 ([S/2023/965](#)), I would like to reiterate the principled position of the Russian Federation in this regard and highlight the following:

The Russian Federation condemns all the attempts either to reconsider or to change the provisions of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) that are undertaken by some States that decided to neglect their obligations under this resolution and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, thus blatantly violating them. Furthermore, we deem as inadmissible the attempts to shift the blame to the Islamic Republic of Iran by accusing Tehran of alleged violations of the above-mentioned resolution, including its provisions that have already expired. As was highlighted on numerous occasions, the arguments put forward by those propagating this purely political narrative do not withstand scrutiny and lack both legal and technical grounds.

As for so-called “violations” of paragraph 4 of annex B to resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), it is worth noting that the recent relevant claims circulated in the Security Council are not substantiated with any proof and do not provide corroboration that alleged supplies took place prior to 18 October 2023. As mentioned in the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation dated 17 October 2023 that was circulated in the Council ([S/2023/812](#), annex), transfers of items falling under the purview of the Missile Technology Control Regime to and from the Islamic Republic of Iran are no longer subject to preliminary approval by the Security Council.

Moreover, the Russian Federation rejects the persistent attempts of some States to inflate the reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations as well as the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) with anti-Iranian accusations. Such a way of artificially increasing tensions around the Iranian nuclear issue is detrimental to multilateral efforts aimed at the speedy restoration of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

I would be grateful for the circulation of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

