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**Identical letters dated 1 December 2024 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 repeated Israeli acts of aggression against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to convey to you the following.

The Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham/Nusra Front organization, which appears on the Security Council's list of terrorist organizations as an arm of Al-Qaida in Syria, along with other associated terrorist entities and groups that include thousands of foreign terrorists, has launched a large-scale attack on Aleppo and Idlib governorates on multiple fronts. The attack coincides with the continued influx of terrorists across the northern border with stepped-up foreign military and technical support. This has allowed terrorist organizations under the command of the Nusra Front to enter large parts of the city of Aleppo after attacking several villages and towns on the road to Aleppo.

The terrorist attack being carried out by these organizations is of immense size and scope. The military equipment being used includes heavy weapons, vehicles, large numbers of drones, and modern communications technologies. That unequivocally demonstrates that they are receiving extensive support from regional and international parties who see terrorism as a tool to further their foreign policy, attack the Syrian State, undermine its security and stability, and cause suffering to its people.

This attack has sown terror and panic among peaceable civilians. The city of Aleppo is home to some 2.5 million civilians. The attack has disrupted all aspects of their lives. It has led to a wave of displacement from the city to areas under Government control, especially after it targeted student dormitories at Aleppo University, killing and injuring a number of students as they were preparing to take their university exams.

The terrorist organizations have imposed a curfew on the people of the city. They have stormed prisons and released large numbers of convicted criminals in a deliberate attempt to sow chaos. Citizens now fear that they will be deprived of



services provided by Syrian State institutions. The terrorists are engaging in their usual practices of imposing their extremist takfiri ideology, murder, torture, detention, forced disappearance, recruitment of child soldiers, and oppression of women and girls. Idlib residents have already repeatedly demonstrated against such practices, which cannot be allowed to continue or be tolerated.

Out of concern to avoid death or injury to civilians, the Syrian Arab Army and law enforcement forces have redeployed after dozens of soldiers were killed and others injured while responding to the terrorist attack.

Syria emphasizes that this terrorist attack undermines the understandings that led to the establishment of the so-called de-escalation zones, which were approved by the Astana process, which in its recent statement emphasized continued commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Syria, and continued efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. This attack also comes after a series of Israeli attacks on Syrian territory. That confirms the close coordination and organic link between the terrorist organizations and the Israeli occupation entity.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Secretary-General and the Security Council to condemn this terrorist attack perpetrated by an organization that is listed as a terrorist entity by the Security Council and whose ranks include tens of thousands of foreign terrorists from Central Asia, Chechnya, the Eastern Turkestan Islamic movement, and elsewhere.

Syria holds the States supporting this terrorist organization and associated entities fully responsible for this attack and its consequences. It would not have happened without the various kinds of support that these States provide to terrorism. Syria calls upon the United Nations to compel those States to comply with the obligations established by the relevant Security Council resolutions on combating terrorism, above all resolution 2170 (2014) on combating the Da'esh and the Nusrah Front terrorist organizations and resolution 2178 (2014) on foreign terrorist fighters, as well as the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Syria stresses that it will take all necessary measures to exercise its sovereign right and its constitutional and legal duty to defend its citizens, counter the threat posed by terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, liberate its territory from the terrorist presence, and re-establish State authority and the rule of law throughout the national territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Syria expects all Member States that believe in international law and the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations to support its efforts to defend its sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity, and the security and stability of its people, in full cooperation and coordination with the Syrian Government and with full respect for its sovereignty.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to convene an urgent meeting to discuss the terrorist attack on Aleppo in accordance with Article 35, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued and circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 110, and of the Security Council.

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