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Identical letters dated 8 December 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the following alarming information demanding serious consideration.

On 6 November 2017, the United States magazine *Foreign Policy* published a news article supported by photographs and documents under the headline “The Messaging App. Fueling Syria’s Insurgency. Are you a Syrian rebel in need of U.S.-manufactured assault rifles, or even a tank? You can buy it on Telegram”. In the news article, the magazine provides reliable information on the United States arms trade, sale and smuggling to the terrorist armed groups in Syria through the Telegram messaging application.

The news article details the sale and smuggling of United States-made weapons through a black market hosted by the Telegram website. This trafficking is not limited to small arms and individual weapons, but also includes armoured vehicles and tanks! The full text of the article is available at: foreignpolicy.com/2017/11/06/the-messaging-app-fueling-syrias-insurgency-telegram-arms-weapons/.

The Syrian Arab Republic would highly appreciate it if the relevant bodies within the framework of the Security Council could examine this alarming information and take appropriate action in accordance with Council resolutions relating to counter-terrorism to combat the use of the Internet and of social media in facilitating arms trafficking for terrorist armed groups.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mounzer **Mounzer**
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