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On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw your attention to the following important information.

The Qatari regime continues to unabashedly support the terrorism afflicting the Syrian Arab Republic, in flagrant and sustained violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and all the relevant international resolutions and instruments on countering terrorism. A few days ago, it announced that it has donated \$2 million to the “White Helmets” terrorist group, which is part of the Nusra Front terrorist organization, through the Qatar Development Fund, one of the financial fronts that the Qatari regime uses to finance terrorism and launder money. The Governments of Western States, including the United States of America, Canada, Britain, France and Germany, have also provided financial and logistical assistance to the members of this terrorist group.

The continued support by the Qatari regime for terrorist organizations that are targeting the Syrian people, most notably Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the Nusra Front, both of which are on Security Council lists of terrorist entities, makes it directly complicit in the shedding of the blood of innocent Syrians. It also serves as incontrovertible evidence that the outlaw Qatari regime does not shrink from using terrorism in order to attain base political objectives and continue its destructive interference in the internal affairs of many States, with a view to undermining their security and stability.

The Syrian Arab Republic regards the latest Qatari action as another public expression of support for terrorism in Syria and a doomed attempt to burnish the image of the “White Helmets” terrorist group. Evidence and information have proven that this group is affiliated with the Nusra Front and is nothing than a terrorist entity with a bloody record of terrorism in Syria. Its members have been involved in acts of terrorism directed against Syrian civilians and military personnel; they have attempted to spread misinformation that they are engaged in the humanitarian activity of civil defence, so that they can create videos, devise scenarios, spread lies and produce eyewitnesses in relation to the so-called Syrian chemical question. They do so at the behest and with the support of those States that have sponsored this terrorist organization since the outbreak of the crisis in Syria for no purpose other than to distort the reality of events, mislead the public, defame the Syrian Government and cover up American, French and British aggressions against the Syrian Arab Republic.



The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Security Council and its counter-terrorism committees and teams to live up to their responsibilities under the Charter and the resolutions of the Council on countering terrorism by taking immediate and decisive action to prevent the governing regime in Qatar from continuing to finance terrorist organizations in Syria and holding the regime accountable for its ongoing support for terrorist organizations and the crimes they commit against innocent Syrians. It should compel Qatar to cease its violations of international law, the Charter and the Security Council resolutions on countering terrorism, in particular resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1373 \(2001\)](#), [2170 \(2014\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2199 \(2015\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#), as well as the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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