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Identical letters dated 16 May 2019 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 9 May 2019, “American coalition” aircraft perpetrated a horrific massacre in the city of Shahil, which is situated in the Dayr al-Zawr countryside, killing a seven-person family that lived together in the same house. That massacre occurred as the militias of the self-styled Syrian Democratic Forces were perpetrating, with the full support of that illegitimate coalition, other massacres in various parts of the south-eastern region of Dayr al-Zawr governorate, in order to subdue Syrian civilians who had been demanding their rights and the restoration of Syrian State control over the area. The militia gangs of the Syrian Democratic Forces responded to the demands of Syrian civilians by committing the most heinous crimes, including murder, violence, detention and destruction of infrastructure.

Those savage and shocking crimes, and the silence of the Western States in response thereto, sparked indignation and anger among Syrians, who took to the streets in massive demonstrations against the practices of Syrian Democratic Forces militias in the village of Abu Hadrub, which is situated in the eastern countryside of Dayr al-Zawr. In addition, protesters from the village of Shamsani, which lies south of Hasakah city, condemned the practices of Syrian Democratic Forces militias and demanded that those militias cease attacking their lives, property and dignity. The inhabitants of the city of Busayrah and the villages and towns of Dhiban, Daman and Hawij, located in the northern countryside of Dayr al-Zawr, demonstrated against the practices of the Syrian Democratic Forces and their militias, including, in particular, the massacre that they perpetrated in the village of Shahil, and demanded that those militias be expelled from their areas of the Dayr al-Zawr countryside.

The practices of the Syrian Democratic Forces and their shameful alliance with States that are hostile to the Syrian Arab Republic, in particular the bloody American coalition, confirm unequivocally the criminal and terrorist nature of these militias, which do not represent any of the honourable nationalist actors in Syria.

Syria calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities and compel the States, in particular the United States of America and its allies and proxies, that back those illegal militias to stop supporting them and the terrorist organizations operating in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, and to comply with the relevant Security Council resolutions, in all of which the Council underscores the need to respect fully the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, and preserve the safety of its people and the country’s political independence.



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

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