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### **Identical letters dated 30 July 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I write to you further to my previous letters regarding the blockade and the illegal and discriminatory measures imposed on the State of Qatar since 5 June 2017, and in particular to my letter dated 26 July 2018 ([S/2018/562](#)) regarding the 23 July 2018 decision by the International Court of Justice, issued in accordance with the Statute of the Court, that agreed to the request by the State of Qatar for the indication of provisional measures against the United Arab Emirates, which has taken discriminatory measures against Qatari nationals in violation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. On 14 June 2019, the International Court of Justice issued a decision rejecting the request made in turn by the United Arab Emirates for the indication of provisional measures against the State of Qatar in the matter of the discriminatory measures taken by the Government United Arab Emirates against Qatari citizens. That decision had the support of 15 judges.

On 22 March 2019, the United Arab Emirates had submitted that request for the indication of provisional measures in order to “preserve its procedural rights”, arguing before the court that Qatar had aggravated or extended the dispute, inter alia, by initiating a formal complaint against it before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva, and also by allegedly disseminating false reports about the United Arab Emirates through the Qatar media.

The above-mentioned decision is yet another international legal victory for the State of Qatar in the face of repeated efforts by the States behind the blockade to prove the contrary. The decision confirmed that Qatar respects and fully complies with international legal rules and agreements, as you are well aware, and demonstrates the validity of our position since the start of the crisis. It is now clear to the international community that the allegations made by the United Arab Emirates have been false from the very beginning. The decision is a recognition of the rights of Qataris affected by the unjust blockade against the State of Qatar and the fact that they deserve justice.

The Government of the State of Qatar stresses that it is eager to avoid escalation, promote good-neighbourly relations with its neighbours, and find a solution to the current crisis in the Gulf at the dialogue table. However, it will spare no effort when it comes to protecting the interests and rights of its citizens and residents, which it will continue to defend through legal means and international processes.



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

(*Signed*) **Alya Ahmed Saif Al Thani**  
Permanent Representative

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