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Identical letters dated 21 October 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 instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the inhumane conditions and daily suffering that Syrian civilians are experiencing on the Syrian-Turkish border. Their situation has been exacerbated by the Turkish aggression, which has caused the death and injury of many Syrian civilians and displaced tens of thousands of others.

The Government the Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that it is committed to delivering humanitarian assistance to all parts of Syria, in particular those affected by the recent Turkish aggression, and that it, along with its partners and national governmental and non-governmental agencies, is making a herculean effort to respond to the humanitarian needs precipitated by that aggression.

On 15 October 2019, the Syrian Government addressed an official communication to all United Nations agencies in which it urges them to expedite the delivery of humanitarian assistance to all those affected. In that same communication, the Government pledges to do everything possible to facilitate the delivery of such assistance, in coordination with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and Government agencies. It hopes to see, as soon as possible, a response that is commensurate with the enormity of the human suffering.

The Syrian Government hopes that the United Nations and its agencies will act immediately to ensure that convoys carrying all sorts of relief and health-care materials reach affected Syrians. The Government reaffirms that it opens the door wide to all sincere efforts to provide, without delay, those civilians with humanitarian assistance and whatever else they might need to help them overcome their hardships and return to their homes as soon as possible.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security by putting an end to the Turkish regime's attacks against the sovereignty and territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, halting that regime's support for terrorism and compelling that regime to withdraw the occupying Turkish forces and other foreign forces that are present illegally in Syrian territory.



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

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