



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 20 November 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 should like to convey to you the following alarming information.

At 1.20 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 November 2019, the occupying Israeli authorities attacked the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution [350 \(1974\)](#) on the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces. Israeli warplanes fired missiles at several locations on the outskirts of Damascus and in its surrounding countryside, killing several civilians, including a child and a woman, and destroying their homes. This shameless Israeli aggression comes on the heels of other attacks, the most recent of which occurred on 12 November 2019.

The occupying Israeli authorities, by carrying out these cowardly attacks and deliberately continuing to commit such dangerous provocations, have confirmed yet again beyond any doubt that they continue to engage in State terrorism, a practice that is an integral part of their history, which is replete with acts of terrorism and criminal actions.

Israel would not be able to continue committing such dangerous acts of aggression were it not for the political, military and media protection that it has been given by the American Administration and well-known States members of the Security Council; that protection enables Israel to continue to commit acts of aggression, practice State terrorism and threaten regional and international peace and security without restraint or restriction. The silence of the Security Council in the face of these flagrant violations cannot be justified; the Council is clearly abdicating its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and failing to punish the aggressor.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security. The Council must take resolute and immediate action to prevent the recurrence of these Israeli acts of aggression. Moreover, it must compel Israel to respect Security Council resolutions on the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces and resolutions in which the Council rejects the annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan, and it must hold Israel accountable for the acts of terrorism that it has committed against the Syrian people. Such conduct is in flagrant violation of the Charter of the



United Nations, international law and Security Council resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#), [338 \(1973\)](#), [350 \(1974\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#).

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

*(Signed)* **Bashar Ja'afari**  
Ambassador  
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