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The views of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to the eighth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), contained in document [S/2019/934](#), are hereby presented:

(a) The United States' unlawful sanctions in defiance of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) were intensified over the past six months. A new Executive Order for "imposing sanctions with respect to Iran" was issued on 24 June 2019. On 15 December 2019, the United States unilaterally sanctioned Iran's Fordow facility which targets one of the pillars of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (see [A/74/575-S/2019/928](#));

(b) We took note that the Secretary-General regretted the re-imposition of the United States' "sanctions that have been lifted or waived pursuant to the Plan", including "with regard to the trade in oil", and reiterated that "these actions continue to be contrary to the goals set out in the Plan and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)". In fact, the United States' sanctions constitute multiple wrongful acts and entail its international responsibility as explained in Iran's letters contained in documents [S/2017/739](#), [S/2017/862](#), [A/72/869-S/2018/453](#), [A/73/490-S/2018/988](#), [S/2018/1057](#), [A/73/691-S/2018/1155](#), [S/2018/1164](#), [S/2019/185](#), [A/73/885-S/2019/429](#), [A/73/976](#), [S/2019/667](#), [S/2019/752](#), [S/2019/863](#) and [A/74/575-S/2019/928](#);

(c) The Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the note by the President of the Security Council ([S/2016/44](#)), has to "report to the Security Council every six months on the implementation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)". Therefore, violations of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and its annex A by the United States shall be reported in detail. However, the current report, by focusing "on the provisions set forth in annex B to resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)", does not provide a full and balanced picture on the implementation of the resolution. As elaborated in our letters dated 17 July 2016 ([S/2016/626](#)), 18 January 2017 ([S/2017/51](#)), 29 June 2017 ([S/2017/560](#)), 19 December 2017 ([S/2017/1075](#)), 26 June 2018 ([S/2018/634](#)), 11 December 2018 ([S/2018/1108](#)) and 25 June 2019 ([S/2019/524](#)), any report on the implementation of the resolution shall consider the commitments of all participants of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as well as the commitments of all States for the implementation of the resolution;

(d) Iran's steps, referred to in paragraph 4 of the report, are fully consistent with the provisions of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#). Having exercised maximum restraint for more than one year and after



invoking and exhausting the dispute resolution mechanism, Iran finally applied the remedial measures manifestly recognized under paragraphs 26 and 36 of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Moreover, Iran's steps are reversible. Those steps will be reversed whenever the damage that has been inflicted on Iran is reversed. Otherwise, further steps will follow;

(e) With regard to the new proposal mentioned in paragraph 22 of the report, it is recalled that not even a single authorization has been so far granted by the Security Council pursuant to paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 (b) of annex B. The Secretary-General and the Security Council are once again invited to carefully consider concerns with regard to the implementation of annex B, as expressed by the Islamic Republic of Iran in its letters dated 28 August 2017 (S/2017/739), 19 December 2017 (S/2018/634), 11 December 2018 (S/2018/1108) and 25 June 2019 (S/2019/524);

(f) Paragraphs 12, 13, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36 of the report indicate that the Secretariat has continued unauthorized engagement contrary to paragraphs 6 and 10 of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2016/44) in verification visits and measures "to examine" allegations regarding the implementation of annex B to the resolution. Such ultra vires activities lack legitimacy and should not continue;

(g) Paragraphs 14, 29, 31 (a), 37, 38 and 39 of the report refer to information gathering from unreliable media and open sources. Such unverified information has even found its way to the key findings and recommendations. This adversely affects the credibility of the report;

(h) In the past six months, Iran had to respond to several letters on missile activities or arms transfers. Those and other baseless allegations reflected in the report are commonly made by violators of the resolution, including the United States, Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, with the clear intention of misusing the United Nations machinery and advancing a short-sighted political agenda. Such allegations should be primarily treated as inadmissible;

(i) The statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran following the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), which is reflected in the annex to document S/2015/550, and the positions contained therein, are hereby reiterated once more as they are relevant today as they were before.

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

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