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Identical letters dated 26 February 2020 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

Upon instructions from the Government, and following our identical letters dated 17 February 2020 ([S/2020/127](#)) in which we informed you that the Syrian Government had authorized, on 29 January 2020, the entry of the World Health Organization (WHO) convoy that had been waiting in Iraq, via the Albu Kamal crossing, we would like to inform you that the Syrian Government has informed WHO on 22 February 2020 that it is ready to receive the convoy via any of the official crossings controlled by the Syrian State, such as the Albu Kamal crossing, the official airports, Tartus port and Ladhqiyyah port.

Furthermore, on 25 February 2020, the Syrian Government authorized, for one time only, the transport of the above-mentioned shipment to Qamishli airport, in the north-eastern part of Syria, to be distributed by the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, the official Syrian authorities and WHO, with United Nations participation.

The Syrian Government also authorized the transportation of humanitarian aid across lines from within Syria to the areas inside the country where there are Syrian citizens in need, on the condition that this assistance reaches the civilians in need, ensuring that it will not reach any armed terrorist group or illegitimate political groups and militias. The humanitarian aid will be distributed by the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and partners from the relevant United Nations organizations under the supervision of the Syrian Government.

Today, 26 February 2020, the Syrian Government informed the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Syria that the Syrian Government had decided to authorize the transportation of medical aid via land routes across the country, especially after the liberation of the international highway between Aleppo and Damascus and other international highways from the control of armed terrorist groups.

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

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