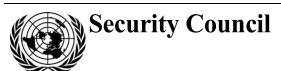
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## Identical letters dated 30 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information.

At 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 30 December 2020, the Israeli enemy carried out an air strike against one of our air defence units in Rif Dimashq, killing one person, injuring three soldiers and causing material damage. This attack by Israel comes only five days after its previous aggression, which occurred on 25 December 2020, and on the heels of many other similar attacks over the years of the terrorist war against Syria.

The Government of the Syrian Arabic condemns this brutal attack against Syrian territory, which is a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 350 (1974) on the Disengagement of Forces Agreement, and reiterates that these repeated aggressions reveal the hostile nature of Israel and demonstrate yet again that the occupying Israeli authorities continue to engage in State terrorism and act in a high-handed manner, in particular following the failure of the terrorist Powers, including the occupying Israeli authorities, that are conspiring against Syria to implement their plans to provide ongoing support to the armed terrorist gangs that are their partners in crime and terrorism. Their aim is to prolong the Syrian crisis at the expense of innocent Syrian children and women and to undermine political efforts to end that crisis.

The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that the dangerous and hostile approach being pursued by the occupying Israeli authorities is the product of the unlimited support that they receive from the United States of America, which provides them with immunity from accountability with the support of certain other members of the Security Council that are known to all. The Syrian Arab Republic warns that the continued pursuit by Israel of this hostile approach threatens regional and international peace and security and a constitutes a serious escalation of the situation in the Middle East.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to assume its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, the most important of which is to maintain international peace and security, and to take resolute and immediate action in order to prevent the recurrence of Israeli acts of aggression and terrorism against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, and hold Israel accountable for its acts of terrorism and crimes against the Syrian people. Moreover,





Syria reiterates its demand that Israel must be made to comply with the relevant Security Council resolutions, the most important of which are resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 350 (1974) and 497 (1981), and with all international instruments and resolutions concerning counter-terrorism.

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

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

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