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### **Identical letters dated 22 January 2021 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.

On Friday, 22 January 2021, Israel committed a fresh aggression against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, in the vicinity of Hama city, killing a family (the father, the mother and two children), wounding four civilians from that same family and destroying the homes of several innocent civilians.

This criminal aggression is a continuation of the attacks being carried out by Israel, of which more than 50 have been committed in less than a year. Those attacks, in which many civilians were killed and had their property destroyed, are not only a blatant violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic, but also a flagrant violation of human rights law, general international law, international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations, because they were directed against innocent civilians and deprived them of their right to live in security and safety.

The Syrian Arab Republic condemns the deafening silence of many members of the international community, in particular those who pay lip service to human rights, in the face of these blatant attacks. Such silence has encouraged the occupying and usurping Israeli entity to continue its attacks on Syria, the timing of which coincides suspiciously with the crimes committed by terrorist groups.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the United Nations and the Human Rights Council to fulfil their responsibilities and condemn these Israeli attacks, which pose a serious threat to security and stability in the region, and it reaffirms its legitimate right to defend its territorial integrity and sovereignty and to protect its citizens from such attacks by all legitimate means available to it, in accordance with international norms and conventions.

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

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