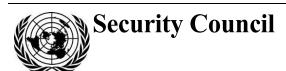
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Letter dated 1 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to inform you that, recently, the Israeli regime not only has intensified its provocative and warmongering statements against the Islamic Republic of Iran, but also has been actively planning to act upon its belligerent threats.

The latest example of such threats is the statement of the Chief of General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces, on 26 January 2021, in which, in addition to making certain unsubstantiated allegations about Iran's peaceful nuclear programme, he said that he has "instructed the Israel Defense Forces to prepare a number of operational plans, in addition to those already in place" against Iran in order to "develop them over the next year" as such plans "must be on the table".

These threats are in gross violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations and, given the dark history of this regime in attacking regional countries, necessitate an appropriate response from the international community.

Warning against any military adventurism of the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, we reserve our inherent right to self-defence to decisively respond to any threat or wrongful act perpetrated by the Israeli regime. It is crystal clear that the Israeli regime must bear full responsibility for the consequences of its unbridled ill-advised measures.

Having the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, the Security Council must confront the destabilizing policies and warmongering practices of the Israeli regime and compel it to stop its dangerous designs against the region.

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

(Signed) Majid **Takht Ravanchi** Ambassador Permanent Representative



