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Identical letters dated 19 February 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

On instructions for my Government, and further to our previous letters concerning the hostile conduct of the occupying Israeli authorities, their systematic violations of international law, the principles and purposes of the United Nations and authoritative international resolutions, and their efforts to entrench and perpetuate their occupation of the occupied Syrian Golan, I should like to convey to you the following information.

On 9 February 2021, the office of the Prime Minister of the occupying Israeli entity, Benjamin Netanyahu, published another inflammatory statement concerning the occupied Syrian Golan, in which it said that the Golan Heights will forever remain part of the State of Israel. It also said that the position of Israel is clear: in any future possible scenario, the Golan Heights will remain Israeli.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again condemns, in the strongest terms, the conduct of the occupying Israeli authorities and statements similar to one above that its officials have made. Such conduct and statements reaffirm the utter disregard of Israel for international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and its open contempt for Security Council resolutions concerning the occupied Syrian Golan, including resolution [497 \(1981\)](#).

It is lamentable that, although nearly 54 years have passed since Israel occupied the Syrian Golan in June 1967, the Security Council remains incapable of fulfilling its responsibility to put an end to the Israeli occupation, which poses a threat to regional and international peace and security, and hold the Israeli authorities accountable for their crimes, owing to the immunity and support that the Governments of certain Western States that are permanent members of the Security Council, most notably the United States of America, give to Israel.



The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to take urgent action in order to ensure implementation of its resolutions concerning the ending of Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan and other occupied Arab territories, including resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#), [338 \(1973\)](#), [350 \(1974\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#), and of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the most recent of which are resolutions [75/24](#) and [75/99](#). The Council must also take urgent action in order to compel the occupying Israeli entity to halt its illegal settlement-building activities and its repressive measures against our people in the occupied Syrian Golan and to withdraw from the entire occupied Syrian Golan, up to the line of 4 June 1967.

Syria reaffirms that the occupied Golan is an integral part of its territory and that it will strive to recover it fully using all means available under international law and international custom. It also reaffirms that no unilateral measures or steps that Israel or its supporters take to alter the political, legal, historical and geographical characteristics of the occupied Syrian Golan will ever succeed.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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