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Identical letters dated 26 February 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

Further to our previous letters addressed to you regarding the crimes committed by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the Levant Liberation Organization (Jabhat al-Nusrah), both of which are on the Security Council list of terrorist organizations and associated terrorist entities and which control parts of Idlib Governorate and surrounding areas in north-western Syria with the support of occupying Turkish military forces, I should like to convey to you the following information on instructions from my Government.

The armed terrorist groups that control Idlib Governorate are preventing residents from heading to the Saraqib-Trunbah humanitarian crossing, which the Syrian Government opened in order to make it easier for civilians to leave Idlib and to alleviate the humanitarian suffering they have been enduring a result of the siege imposed on them by the aforementioned terrorist groups, which are affiliated with the Turkish occupiers. Those groups fired several rounds of shells from their positions in the town of Nayrab towards the town of Saraqib, in order to intimidate civilians and prevent them from heading to the humanitarian crossing.

Moreover, those terrorist groups continue to prevent more than 3,000 secondary school students and some 3,300 primary school students in areas under their control from sitting their general examinations at official Syrian Ministry of Education examination centres.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that the Security Council must fulfil its responsibilities and take firm measures against the Turkish occupiers who are sponsoring those terrorist organizations, at forefront of which are ISIL and the Levant Liberation Organization (Jabhat al-Nusrah) terrorist groups, which continue to commit crimes and various grave violations against the people of Idlib and the surrounding area.

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

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