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On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw to your attention the following information.

At 2216 hours on Sunday, 28 February 2021, the Israeli occupying authorities once again attacked the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, firing successive salvos of missiles from the occupied Syrian Golan towards areas the environs of the capital, Damascus.

This fresh Israeli act of aggression occurred because of the support and protection that successive American Administrations and certain Western States have given Israel and their unflinching willingness to whitewash its repeated attacks, and because the Israeli leadership was aware that it would not be held accountable for its countless crimes, which have been documented in United Nations reports and resolutions, as well as by human rights organizations and most other international organizations.

The Israeli enemy carried out the aforementioned missile strike on the basis of the allegations and systematic lies that are continually cited by Israel and the American occupiers, the warplanes of which carried out a heinous act of aggression two days ago against the sovereignty of Syria along the Syrian-Iraqi border in Dayr al-Zawr Governorate. Those pretexts are nothing more than blatant attempts to mislead, turn the facts on their head, obscure the reality that Israel is responsible for its hostile and dangerous conduct, and that it is Israel that engages in State terrorism and continues to support armed terrorist groups. This Israeli effort, like those before it, is bound to fail because all are now aware that Israel is a rogue State and is no less a threat to international peace and security than Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, the Nusra Front and other terrorist organizations that are on the relevant Security Council lists.

The international community's acceptance of the American and Israeli justifications for those attacks would mean that the world has become a jungle in which there is no place for the United Nations, its Charter and its resolutions, nor for international law and the principle of maintaining peace and security throughout the world.

The Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that the repeated Israeli attacks against Syria have not and will not succeed in protecting the terrorist organizations that are the partners and proxies of Israel, or in distracting the Syrian Arab Army from its goal



of eradicating the vestiges of the terrorists associated with Israel. The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that it will not hesitate to exercise its right to defend its territory, people and sovereignty by all the means sanctioned under the Charter and international law.

The Syrian Arab Republic has time and again called upon the Council to condemn the repeated acts of aggression committed by Israel against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria, and to immediately take forceful measures to curb such acts and hold Israel accountable. The Syrian Arab Republic has also warned Israel of the grave consequences of its ongoing aggressions and reaffirmed that Israel bears full responsibility for them.

The Syrian Arab Republic, as a founding Member of the United Nations and in keeping with its belief in the role of international authority, once again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter, the most significant of which is the maintenance of international peace and security, by compelling Israel to respect Security Council resolutions concerning the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement and holding accountable all actors that support terrorism and attack the sovereignty of Syria for their acts of terrorism and crimes against the Syrian people, each of which constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter, international law, Security Council resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#), [338 \(1973\)](#), [350 \(1974\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#), and all international instruments and resolutions concerning counter-terrorism.

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

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