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Letter dated 12 March 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 you regarding the letter dated 27 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2021/202](#)), in which, through the use of the term “Iran-supported non-State militia groups”, attempts were made to accuse the Islamic Republic of Iran of supporting such so-called “non-State militia groups” in Iraq, which is hereby categorically rejected.

As has been made clear on previous occasions (see [S/2020/81](#)), the Islamic Republic of Iran has not been involved, directly or indirectly, in any armed attack by any entity or individual against the United States in Iraq and, accordingly, firmly rejects any claim to attribute to Iran, explicitly or implicitly, any attack carried out against American forces in Iraq. Any such attribution is completely unfounded and unsubstantiated, and thus legally null and void.

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns the unlawful military strike by United States forces against Iraqi forces on the Syrian-Iraqi border on 25 February 2021. Such dangerous acts – which have wrongly been justified based on an extremely arbitrary interpretation of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations – violate the sovereignty of regional countries, are clear manifestations of gross violations of international law and the Charter, escalate the already tense situation in the region and, in practice, only serve the malicious interests of terrorist groups in such countries and hence must be halted.

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

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Ambassador
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