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Identical letters dated 22 April 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

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

At 0138 hours on Thursday, 22 April 2021, in a blatant and shameless violation of the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement, 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 the area around the capital, Damascus.

The brutal Israeli attack was obviously timed to coincide with the escalation of the Western political, economic and media campaign against Syria. That dangerous and aggressive approach was on full ugly display yesterday at a session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, where the United States of America, France, Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, and certain other Western countries that have long provided cover for Israeli attacks on the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic exerted extreme political pressure on the member States of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to adopt an unprecedented decision that the Western States will use to impose their hegemony on the Organization and prevent it from carrying out its functions impartially in accordance with its Charter.

The Syrian Arab Republic believes that the United Nations, and in particular the Security Council, should condemn this cowardly Israeli attack and these repeated, systematic and coordinated acts of aggression against the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic by the three occupiers – Israeli, United States and Turkish. Their behaviour reflects beyond any doubt a hostile partnership that threatens international peace and security and flies in the face of the most basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, and the relevant Security Council resolutions, all of which stress that the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic must be respected.

Syria reiterates that the acceptance by certain parties of Israeli and United States justifications for attacks against Syrian sovereignty makes those parties primary accomplices in the terrorist crimes being committed against the Syrian State. They therefore bear international responsibility for the consequences of their failure to implement and respect the Charter of the United Nations, United Nations resolutions



and the principles of international law, all of which have been laid down with the basic goal of achieving security, stability, prosperity and justice for all humanity.

The leadership, Government and people of the Syrian Arab Republic stress that they will not allow these aggressors and terrorists to realize their diabolical dreams and succeed in their desperate attempts to destroy Syria. These attempts will not keep the Syrian Arab Army from carrying out its noble mission of fighting the scourge of terrorism in all parts of Syria. 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.

As a founding Member of the United Nations with a firm belief in the importance of international authority, the Syrian Arab Republic will continue to call upon the Secretariat and the Security Council to fulfil their responsibilities under the Charter, the most significant of which is the maintenance of international peace and security, by compelling Israel to respect the Security Council resolution concerning the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement and holding all actors who support terrorism and launch attacks against the sovereignty of Syria accountable 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 counter-terrorism instruments and resolutions.

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

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