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Letter dated 10 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)

I would like to bring to your attention an outstanding issue relating to the request for the import to the Islamic Republic of Iran of a set of betatrons (electron accelerators) for installation in vehicle inspection systems for the purpose of detecting narcotic substances, submitted by the Russian Federation on 29 August 2019 in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of annex B to resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) (S/AC.58/2019/NOTE.17).

We continue to proceed from the understanding that this request has been approved, since no formal objection was made to this proposal by the set deadline for the non-objection procedure, as required in the note of the President of the Security Council ([S/2016/44](#)).

The subsequent communication from three Council members – the United Kingdom, France and Germany – which “requested” that this proposal “be denied” (S/AC.58/2019/COMM.49 of 11 October 2019), constitutes a request for action by the Council rather than an objection and should have been considered as such in accordance with paragraph 5 of [S/2016/44](#). Our detailed position in this regard is set out in my letter dated 22 October 2019 (S/AC.58/2019/COMM.51).

Therefore, we wish to request once again that the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) issue a corrigendum to S/AC.58/2019/NOTE.17/Add.7, reflecting the approval by consensus of proposal S/AC.58/2019/NOTE.17.

We would be grateful for the circulation of the present communication as a document of the Security Council, and its full and thorough reflection in the upcoming eleventh six-month report of the Facilitator for the implementation of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

