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**The situation in the Middle East**

**Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the  
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,  
and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan  
over their natural resources**

**Identical letters dated 28 July 2022 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 write further to our previous letters concerning the illegal practices and measures of the Israeli occupation authorities in the occupied Syrian Golan. These are part of their expansionist settlement policies and attempts to perpetuate and prolong their occupation by various means. That includes persisting in altering the demographic and legal character of the Golan, plundering its natural resources and wealth, and chipping away at its territory by seizing the property of its Syrian population. All these practices are in violation of international law, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant United Nations resolutions. I should like to bring to your attention the following:

The Israeli occupation authorities are currently in the process of seizing an estimated 6,000 dunums of land in the occupied Syrian Golan that make up the last remaining green lung among the occupied Syrian villages. They are doing so to implement a project to build the largest and most dangerous kind of wind turbines. The project is to take place in three stages:

*Phase 1:* Some 42 turbines 120 metres high have been set up on large areas of the villages of Ayn al-Hajal, Mansurah and Thaljiyat.

*Phase 2:* This targets the Tall al-Faras area, where the Israeli occupation authorities have already started work.

*Phase 3:* This targets the villages of Majdal Shams, Mas'ada, Baq'ata and Ayn Quniyah, and involves the seizure of more than 4,000 dunums of agricultural land to erect some 41 huge turbines.



The dangers posed by this project are serious. A single turbine should not be allowed within 10 km of a populated area, because it could cause numerous diseases. The most important have to do with magnetic frequencies, which emit waves that lead to concentration problems and tinnitus. The turbines will also eliminate agriculture, because they are to be set up in the middle of orchards. That hits an economic nerve and will displace residents.

The Israeli occupation authorities have met the continuing protests and stalwart opposition of our Syrian people in those villages of the occupied Syrian Golan with suppression, aggression and arbitrary arrest, and insisted on going ahead with implementation.

The Syrian Arab Republic condemns in the strongest terms all the practices and measures of Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Syrian Golan, which are null and void and without legal effect, and constitute flagrant violations of the principles of international law, the relevant United Nations resolutions and the principle of the permanent sovereignty of peoples under foreign occupation over their natural resources.

The Syrian Arab Republic warns of the potential dangers and catastrophic negative effects of these projects on the health of residents of the Syrian Golan, the environment in which they live, and the agricultural activities on which they largely depend for their livelihoods, which could put them at risk of hunger and displacement from their homes and lands.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to act urgently to compel Israel to desist from its aggressive practices against the people of the occupied Syrian Golan and its illegal settlement policies and measures, which are in flagrant violation of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, notably Security Council resolution [497 \(1981\)](#), which states that Israel's decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan is null and void and without legal effect.

The Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that the occupied Syrian Arab Golan is an integral part of its territory, that it is an eternal right that cannot be subject to compromise, renunciation or any statute of limitations, and that it will act to restore it by all means provided for under international law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 38 and 64, and of the Security Council.

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