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Letter dated 25 May 2023 from the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have the honour to forward to you the joint press release on the meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic, Fayssal Mekdad, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, held on 10 May 2023 in Moscow (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 May 2023 from the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Meeting of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic, Fayssal Mekdad and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Moscow, 10 May 2023)

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic, Fayssal Mekdad, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, met in Moscow on 10 May.

The Ministers had a substantive and frank discussion on various aspects related to the restoration of Syrian-Turkish inter-State relations.

In accordance with Security Council resolution [2254 \(2015\)](#) and the official statements of the Astana format, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The need for increased international assistance to Syria was emphasized, including for the voluntary, safe and dignified return of Syrians to their homeland and for post-conflict reconstruction. The participants also agreed to instruct Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs to prepare a road map for advancing Turkish-Syrian relations in coordination with the work of the defence and special services ministries of the four countries.

The Ministers noted the positive and constructive atmosphere of the exchange of views and agreed to continue high-level contacts and technical negotiations in the quadripartite format in the coming period.
