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Identical letters dated 18 July 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Syria Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our letters regarding the illegal entry of Western officials into the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to convey to you the following:

The Syrian Arab Republic condemns in the strongest terms the illegal entry into Syrian territory by a delegation from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs headed by Stéphane Romatet, Director of the Crisis Office of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This was a flagrant violation of the most basic international laws and norms to which French diplomacy pays lip service in many of its policies. The delegation held meetings with representatives and leaders of the so-called Autonomous Administration and the separatist Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) militia.

These meetings between a French delegation and separatist organizations constitute a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria. They demonstrate yet again the pernicious approach and deep-seated hostility of France towards Syria. The French Government is acting in full partnership with the aggression against Syria through its support for terrorist groups and separatist militias.

Syria stresses that the war against terrorism must be fought in cooperation with the Syrian State, which has confronted terrorism, and not in cooperation with separatist organizations that have provided cover for it and are united by a single purpose, which is aggression against the people of Syria and violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Syria calls for this reckless behaviour to be condemned. The French Government must be compelled to respect legitimacy and international laws. It should be paying attention to its own internal problems, which have recently been the talk of the whole world, and in particular the racist practices and hate speech entrenched in its system as a result of hegemonic colonial thinking and its inferiority complex borne of blind kowtowing to American policy.

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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