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Identical letters dated 19 March 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our letters regarding repeated Israeli acts of aggression against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to convey to you the following:

At dawn on 19 March 2024, as part of their efforts to consolidate their aggressive policy and spread chaos in the region, the Israeli occupation forces launched an air strike from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan at a number of military points in Rif Dimashq, resulting in material losses.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic underscores yet again that the Israeli occupation forces' continued flagrant violations of the sovereignty of Syrian territory and the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement – with each additional occurrence – reflect their disregard for international norms and laws, and threaten regional and international peace and security.

The subversive, destructive and inhumane approach followed by the Israeli occupying forces, as they persist with their racist crimes and atrocities against humanity committed on a daily basis and their repeated aggression against the States of the region, demands genuine and effective accountability on the part of the international community. The authorities of this occupying entity must not go unpunished for their grave violations of international law and international humanitarian law.

The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates its call on the United Nations and the Security Council to carry out their responsibilities by putting an end to these acts of aggression and occupation and systematic Israeli crimes. It stresses the need to implement all relevant United Nations resolutions, above all Security Council resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#), [338 \(1973\)](#) and [497 \(1981\)](#); to put an end to the Israeli occupation of occupied Arab territories, including the Syrian Arab Golan; and to ensure Israeli withdrawal from such territories to the line of 4 June 1967. Syria also reaffirms its inalienable right to defend its sovereignty and liberate its occupied territory by all legitimate means guaranteed by international law.



I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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