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Identical letters dated 19 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 13 April, Iran and its proxies conducted an unprecedented attack against the State of Israel, from various fronts with hundreds of uncrewed aerial vehicles, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles. A significant defensive effort by a number of nations in the region greatly mitigated what would undoubtedly have been a devastating attack, and even then, a 7-year old child was severely injured. These attacks constitute a flagrant breach of Israeli sovereignty and international law, which pose a significant threat to international peace and security. Iran publicly claimed responsibility for the attack and even threatened to attack Israel once again, if Israel would respond.

Iran has been the architect of instability for years. It operates an array of proxies designed to destabilize the region and fulfil the Iranian ambition of the annihilation of Israel.

During the 13 April attack, Iran commanded and synchronized attacks against Israel by several of its proxies – Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen and the Shiite militias in Iraq. Iran's wider strategy of orchestrating hostile and unlawful activities by non-State armed groups it sponsors in the area is long-standing. Indeed, the 13 April attacks by Iran and its proxies should not be viewed as an isolated event, but rather the direct continuation of a series of deliberate hostilities against Israel.

Simultaneously to the direct Iranian attack on Israel, Hezbollah fired 164 rockets from Lebanon. By doing so, and as stated in my previous letters to you, Hezbollah demonstrated once again that it values the interests of its Iranian patron over the interests of the Lebanese people. Moreover, this attack by Hezbollah proves that the only motivation that stands behind Hezbollah's actions is serving its Iranian sponsors rather than "supporting the Palestinian cause", as they claim to do.

This latest attack by Hezbollah supplements thousands of rockets, anti-tank missiles, mortars and drones fired by the terrorist organization towards Israel since 8 October 2023, and numerous other attacks it has made in recent years against Israel – while demonstrating Lebanon's unwillingness or inability to restrain Hezbollah's hostile activities. Iran supported Hezbollah's attacks carried out against Israel since 8 October, and continues to do so, including by accelerating the pace of its weapons transfers to this terrorist organization (as stated in the letter from Israel's Foreign Minister to the President of the Security Council dated 22 February 2024).

The attacks conducted by Hezbollah as well as the support Iran provided to the terrorist organization, are a clear violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and reflects yet again the need for a full implementation of this resolution. I call upon the Security Council to unequivocally condemn Iran and Hezbollah for the repeated



violations of Security Council resolutions and to demand the end of Hezbollah's attacks. I furthermore call upon the Security Council to act in order to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

Furthermore, the Houthis, under the guidance of Iran and in the framework of the 13 April attack, also launched at least eight attack drones and other munitions towards Israeli territory in clear violation of Security Council resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#). As stated in my previous correspondence to the Security Council (letter dated November 2023) this is not a one-time event. Iran continues to violate international law, including Security Council resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#), as evidenced by the supply of weapons, including missiles and uncrewed aerial vehicles to the Houthis.

I call upon the Security Council to condemn the Iranian regime and the Houthis for their recurring violations of resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#) and to ensure the full implementation of this resolution.

The Iranian-backed Shiite militias operating in Iraq also launched dozens of attack drones towards Israeli territory concurrently with the Iranian attack on Israel on 13 April. The drones launched by the Shiite militias are Iranian-made and are capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction. This is yet another clear sign of Iran's destructive involvement in the region. The proliferation of means of delivery of weapons of mass destruction is just one way in which Iran supports its proxies: Hezbollah, the Shiite militias and the Houthis. Iran does this in clear violation of international law and Security Council resolutions, including resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

Israel calls upon the Security Council to condemn Iran's proxies' attacks on Israel and demand their immediate cessation. In response to these dangerous developments, I wish to recall once again that Israel reserves the right to take all necessary measures to defend itself and its citizens, in conformity with international law, against the ongoing Iranian acts of hostility, including these latest unprecedented, lawless, and malicious attacks by Iran and its proxies.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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