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Identical letters dated 8 October 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with utmost urgency following a series of attacks against the State of Israel conducted by Iran's proxies in the region in the past few days, all orchestrated by the Iranian regime. Iran has publicly set the target of destroying the State of Israel and is acting accordingly. It has been a year now that Israel has been facing attacks on seven fronts, initiated by Iran and its proxies. These attacks are a blatant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law and pose a significant threat to international peace and security.

On 22 September 2024, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) intercepted two cruise missiles and two drones launched from Iraq towards Israeli territory. Then on 25 September 2024, several uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs) were detected approaching Israeli territory from the east. An IDF naval ship intercepted one UAV, while another one impacted the Red Sea port of Eilat, causing damage and wounding two people. The pro-Iranian militia "the Islamic Resistance in Iraq" claimed responsibility for these assaults. On 3 October, two explosive-laden drones were launched from Iraq, one of which was intercepted by air defences and the second impacted an army base in the north of Israel, resulting in the death of two soldiers and in 24 being wounded.

These are not the first attacks on Israel conducted by the Iranian-backed Shiite militias in Iraq. In the past months these militias have launched towards Israel dozens of UAVs and cruise missiles supplied to them by Iran. By doing so, Iran is brazenly violating Security Council resolutions, among them Security Council resolution [1546 \(2004\)](#). This resolution calls for preventing the transit to and from Iraq of terrorists, arms for terrorists and financing that would support terrorists.

Simultaneously, the Houthis from Yemen, under the guidance of Iran, also keep targeting Israel. On 27 September 2024, the Houthis claimed responsibility for the launching of a ballistic missile towards Israel. This missile was intercepted by IDF. Another missile was launched on 28 September, also shot down by air defences outside Israel's borders. The leader of the Houthis said that the missile was aimed and timed to coincide with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's landing in Israel after returning from the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly in New York.

The Houthis took responsibility for another attack on 3 October, when two UAVs were launched from Yemen towards the coastline of Israel, in the vicinity of the central city of Bat-Yam; one was intercepted by the Israeli Air Force (IAF) and the second one detonated in an open area.



The Houthis have launched over 220 ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and drones at Israel over the past year. As stated in my previous correspondence addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, Iran continues to violate its international obligations, evidenced by the proliferation of delivery systems – missiles and uncrewed aerial vehicles – to the Houthis, also in violation of Security Council resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#).

Iran continues to disregard other Security Council resolutions as well, including Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#). Just lately, during a press briefing in New York on 25 September, Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi, in response to a question about the supply of advanced weapons to Hezbollah, acknowledged that “Iran has always said that it supports Hezbollah in its just cause to defend Lebanon against the atrocities of Israel and against its occupation”, hence openly admitted the violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) by Iran. This Iranian support has been translated by Hezbollah into relentless rockets, drones, UAVs and anti-tank missiles being used during attacks against Israeli communities since 8 October 2023. Most recently, such attacks were conducted on 6 October 2024, when a barrage of rockets from Lebanon was aimed towards the coastal city of Haifa and the city of Tiberias, where a number of people were wounded, including one severely. Later on, on 7 October, rockets were launched by Hezbollah also towards the metropolitan area of Tel Aviv, on top of the ongoing attacks towards the northern communities of Israel.

Iran is clearly demonstrating through its words and actions that it poses a direct threat to international peace and security while actively engaged in advancing its broader strategy aimed at the destruction of the State of Israel. As they seek to encircle it with a “ring of fire”, Israel is currently facing simultaneous attacks from seven different fronts, reflecting the implementation of Iran’s vision. Iran bears responsibility also for orchestrating a war in the region through its proxies – Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Houthis and the Shiite militias in Syria and Iraq.

Against this backdrop I wish to recall once again that Israel has the right to take all necessary measures to protect itself and its citizens against the ongoing acts of hostilities by the axis of evil led by Iran.

Given the gravity of the situation, I urge the Security Council to take immediate action to address this situation by unequivocally condemning Iran for its recurring violations of Security Council resolutions, and immediately act to designate the “Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps” (IRGC) as a terrorist organization.

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

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