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Letter dated 24 October 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to draw your attention, and that of the Security Council, to yet another brazen act of violence and terrorism perpetrated by the Israeli regime, this time targeting two Iranian nationals in Lebanon in an egregious violation of international law, particularly international humanitarian law.

On 19 October 2024, an Israeli drone launched a missile strike on the personal vehicle of an Iranian national, Masoumeh Karbasi, and her Lebanese husband in the densely populated area of Jounieh, Beirut. After narrowly escaping the first missile, the couple sought refuge at the side of the street, only to be struck by a second missile moments later, resulting in their martyrdom. This brutal attack, captured on surveillance cameras and broadcast across media outlets, reveals the egregious disregard for civilian life and international legal norms.

In a further heinous crime, on 22 October 2024, in an outrageous and deliberate strike, Israel assassinated Dr. Ali Heidari, an Iranian physician and relief worker, in Beirut. Dr. Heidari was performing life-saving duties, providing critical medical care to the wounded and assisting those in dire need. His assassination is not only a despicable act of violence but also a blatant violation of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which expressly prohibit attacks on hospitals and medical personnel. This constitutes a war crime under international law.

These atrocities are not only a blatant violation of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity but also a direct assault on the international community's efforts to uphold the very core of international humanitarian law. Since the launch of its genocidal campaign in Gaza, followed by its unrelenting aggression and war crimes against Lebanon, the Israeli regime has ruthlessly targeted hospitals and medical facilities and personnel. Moreover, hundreds of healthcare workers have been murdered in cold blood by this regime.

The Islamic Republic of Iran urges the Security Council to unequivocally condemn these heinous acts and take decisive action, as mandated by the Charter of the United Nations, to hold Israel fully accountable for its continuous violations of the Charter and international law, including international humanitarian law. Moreover, the Islamic Republic of Iran calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that all these violations are thoroughly documented in relevant reports to the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Human Rights Council.



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

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