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Letter dated 22 November 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the baseless accusations made by the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom during the Security Council's open briefing held on 18 November 2024 in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East" (9787th meeting). In this meeting, the representative of the United States, in coordination with the Israeli regime, made a desperate attempt to shift blame for their shared complicity in Israel's ongoing genocidal war on Gaza and war crimes in Lebanon by accusing Iran of regional destabilization for advancing its political agenda. These accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran are categorically rejected.

The United States, through its unconditional political, military and financial support for Israel, bears direct responsibility for the destabilization of the region and the atrocities committed against civilians in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. It is an irrefutable fact that the civilian deaths, devastation and destruction of infrastructure in Gaza and Lebanon are enabled by United States-made weapons and its unwavering support, while its repeated vetoes of ceasefire resolutions in the Security Council shield Israel from accountability. Far from promoting peace and security, the United States has paralysed the Security Council and granted Israel a licence to continue its aggression and carnage under the pretext of self-defence with full impunity, as evidenced by the recent United States veto of the ceasefire resolution on Gaza.

Similarly, we reject the baseless allegations made by the United Kingdom's Foreign Minister in the meeting, accusing Iran of regional destabilization. These unfounded claims are an obvious attempt to obscure the United Kingdom's own historical and ongoing role in creating instability and turmoil in the region. The United Kingdom's colonial imposition during the Mandate for Palestine, coupled with its calculated political engineering to deprive the Palestinian people of their rights, laid the foundation for the injustices and brutalities that we witness today. The United Kingdom played a pivotal role in the establishment of the usurping regime of Israel. The United Kingdom is directly complicit in the displacement, suffering and oppression of the Palestinian people. This legacy of division and dispossession endures, exacerbated by the United Kingdom's support for Israel's violations of international law and continued supply of advanced weaponry.

Consequently, the United States and the United Kingdom cannot absolve themselves of responsibility while enabling Israel's crimes. Their unconditional support for Israel perpetuates conflict and undermines the Security Council's mandate to maintain international peace and security.



I categorically reject the identical accusations made by the representatives of these two countries against Iran concerning the conflict in Ukraine during the Security Council's open briefing on the same day in connection with the item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine" (9788th meeting). Iran's position on Ukraine is clear and consistent and remains unchanged.

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

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