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Identical letters dated 29 October 2024 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from the Government of the Republic of Iraq, I am addressing to you the present letter regarding violations committed by the Israeli entity.

On 26 October 2024, hostile military aircraft belonging to the occupying Israeli forces violated the sovereignty and airspace of Iraq in order to attack the Islamic Republic of Iran, in clear violation of the rules of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. In that connection, the Republic of Iraq wishes to state the following:

1. Iraq condemns the blatant violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity committed by the Israeli entity's military aircraft, which penetrated Iraqi airspace in order to attack the Islamic Republic of Iran. Iraq reaffirms its long-standing position that, in accordance with its constitution, it is prohibited to use the land, waters or airspace of Iraq to attack another country, in particular neighbouring countries with which Iraq maintains relations based on mutual respect and common interests.
2. Parts of the missiles used in the attack fell in various parts of Iraq and caused material damage that is currently being assessed.
3. Iraq reaffirms its long-standing position that it does not sanction the use of Iraqi territory as a launching pad or pathway for aggression against other countries, as reflected in all the military bilateral agreements and memorandums of understanding that it has concluded with other countries, including, in particular, the United States of America. Accordingly, we emphasize that all countries must respect the constants of Iraqi foreign policy in the context of their bilateral relations with Iraq.
4. Iraq has warned, in letters addressed to Your Excellency on behalf of the Government of Iraq, that the Israeli entity is striving to expand the conflict and plunge the region into open war, and that it is not content with the genocidal crimes and grave violations that it has committed against the Palestinian people, or its blatant aggression against Lebanon and the countries of the region. What we are witnessing now is further evidence of what we have warned against.



5. The security and stability of the region is being destabilized, under the pretext of self-defence and without regard for the resolutions adopted by and the appeals of international organizations, for the purposes of settlement-building and ethnic cleansing and to promote the supremacy of force.

We emphasize the importance of intensifying and harmonizing international efforts to establish calm in the region and an immediate ceasefire by putting pressure on the Israeli entity to halt its crimes and end its violations of the sovereignty of other States and its disregard for all international instruments.

Iraq calls upon the Security Council and the Secretary-General to condemn this blatant violation of the country's sovereignty and for the Security Council to play its role and fulfil its responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security by halting the recurrent violations that the Israeli entity has been committing. Iraq reserves its natural and legitimate right to use all means to safeguard its sovereignty and respond to these violations, in accordance with international law and the Charter.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council and of the seventy-ninth session of General Assembly, under agenda item 34 on the situation in the Middle East.

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