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Identical letters dated 9 December 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 with a great sense of urgency to inform you of recent and concerning developments regarding the security situation in the area of separation between Israel and Syria, in light of the dramatic events unfolding in Syria.

Two days ago, on Saturday, 7 December, armed groups entered the aforementioned area of separation, targeted United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) forces, temporarily took control of several UNDOF outposts and looted equipment belonging to UNDOF, putting the safety and security of United Nations personnel at grave risk. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) assisted the United Nations forces in repelling the attack. It is essential to emphasize that any military presence in this area is prohibited under the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces, which, as United Nations Security Council resolutions expressly stipulate, requires that no military forces, other than those of UNDOF, shall be present in the area of separation.

In response to this evolving security threat and the danger posed by it to Israel – particularly to the residents of the Golan Heights – Israel has taken limited and temporary measures to counter any further threat to its citizens. IDF have deployed temporarily in a few points and in a limited capacity east of Line A, focusing on specific locations where defensive measures are necessary to maintain security and stability and to prevent armed groups from threatening Israeli territory.

IDF will continue to act as necessary in order to protect the State of Israel and its citizens, in full accordance with international law, and will continue to monitor the situation closely. It is important to emphasize, however, that Israel is not intervening in the ongoing conflict between Syrian armed groups; our actions are solely focused on safeguarding our security.

In 1974, following the 1973 war, Israel withdrew from more than 400 km and agreed to the Disengagement Agreement. The State of Israel remains committed to the framework of the 1974 Disengagement Agreement, including the principles regarding the area of separation. The measures taken are, as mentioned, limited and temporary.

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

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