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**Letter dated 2 January 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On the fifth anniversary of the heinous assassination of Martyr Major General Qasem Soleimani, Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and his companions, which was carried out by the United States forces at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, on 3 January 2020, I wish to draw, once again, your attention and that of the members of the Security Council to this egregious act of State terrorism perpetrated by the United States. Major General Soleimani was assassinated during an official visit to Iraq. This deliberate and unlawful targeting of a senior official of a sovereign State of the United Nations, who played a pivotal role in combating terrorism in the region, constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and a grave breach of the United States' international obligations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms its legitimate right under international law to pursue all necessary legal measures to hold accountable the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of this reprehensible act. This unwavering stance reflects our commitment to justice, peace, security and the strengthening of the rule of law, a position consistently stated in our previous communications, including letters dated 3, 7 and 29 January 2020 ([S/2020/13](#), [S/2020/16](#) and [S/2020/81](#)), 3 January 2022 ([S/2022/5](#)), 3 January 2023 ([S/2023/7](#)) and 2 January 2024 ([S/2024/4](#)).

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

(Signed) Amir Saeid **Iravani**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

