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Letter dated 12 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Referring to the letter by the representatives of France, Germany and the United Kingdom dated 9 June 2025 addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council ([S/2025/358](#)), I would like to state the following.

The letter in question follows the pattern of the previous misleading communications by the abovementioned Member States aimed at deliberately distorting the reality concerning the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). It is deeply regrettable that France, Germany and the United Kingdom persist in their attempts to artificially escalate tensions with regard to this issue.

As was highlighted in our previous letters on the matter, France, Germany and the United Kingdom are blatantly trying to divert the attention of the Security Council from their numerous grave violations of the JCPOA and Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#). They continue to disregard the root causes of the current situation related to the JCPOA, provoked by the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the Plan in 2018, as well as their own failure to comply with their obligations under the JCPOA.

It is worth recalling that France, Germany and the United Kingdom followed the path of the United States in undermining multilateral efforts on restoring the Plan. Instead of returning to the implementation of its provisions, these Member States have been striving to find pretexts to shift responsibility for the stagnation of the “deal” onto Tehran, despite its numerous official declarations of its readiness to return to the JCPOA modalities, provided that reciprocal steps are made by Washington, London and Brussels. In this regard, the Russian Federation categorically rejects the attempts to shift the blame for the current situation to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Tehran cannot bear the responsibility for the consequences of illegitimate and irresponsible decisions by France, Germany and the United Kingdom, having led, inter alia, to the reduction of verification activities by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) regarding voluntary transparency measures, which have been an integral part of a delicate balance of interests enshrined in resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

The references to the reporting by the secretariat of IAEA contained in the letter in question are clear cherry-picking, accompanied by far-fetched judgments. France, Germany and the United Kingdom prefer to turn a blind eye to the fact that the legitimate steps undertaken by the Islamic Republic of Iran were mere reaction to their own provocative actions, including those in the IAEA Board of Governors.



Despite the claims of the authors of the letter, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains the most thoroughly and closely verified State among the States members of IAEA. Consequently, any attempts to create an impression of Iran's nuclear programme being "a clear threat to international peace and security" are doomed to failure.

Furthermore, the Russian Federation rejects deliberate false assertions by France, Germany and the United Kingdom about their allegedly having fulfilled the requirements of article 36 of the JCPOA on the dispute resolution mechanism. In fact, the dispute resolution mechanism process has never been launched, and the JCPOA Joint Commission did not convene to consider the matter. As for the recurring threats of triggering "snapback" by these Member States, it is worth recalling that there are no legal or procedural grounds for the activation of this mechanism, as vividly highlighted by exhaustive legal analysis provided by the Russian Federation and circulated as a document of the Security Council on 20 August 2020 ([S/2020/816](#)). Many reasons that made it impossible for the United States to trigger this mechanism back in 2020 remain relevant for France, Germany and the United Kingdom as well, since these States violated the JCPOA and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and therefore deprived themselves of the right to use the instruments envisaged by the Plan.

Despite the destructive stance of France, Germany and the United Kingdom, I wish to reaffirm the unwavering commitment of the Russian Federation to Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and the JCPOA. We support all the efforts aimed at the diplomatic settlement of issues related to their implementation, and we stand ready to continue our constructive engagement towards this end. We remain hopeful that the majority of the members of the Security Council, as well as the international community as a whole, will remain committed to progress in this regard in order to avoid further escalation.

I would be grateful for the circulation of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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