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Letter dated 13 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

I would like to bring to your attention the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation regarding Israel's strikes on Iran (see annex).

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

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation regarding the strikes by Israel on Iran

We express our grave concern at the dangerous escalation of tensions in the Middle East. We strongly condemn the military action of the State of Israel in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of international law on the night of 13 June.

Unprovoked military strikes against a sovereign State Member of the United Nations and its citizens, sleeping peaceful cities and nuclear energy facilities are categorically unacceptable. The international community cannot afford to be indifferent to such outrages, which destroy peace and damage regional and international security.

What makes this particularly cynical is the fact that the Israeli attacks were carried out in the middle of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors' meeting and on the eve of the next round of indirect contacts between representatives of Iran and the United States of America. The attacks have undermined and set back hard-won multilateral efforts to reduce confrontation and find solutions to eliminate any suspicions or biases regarding the peaceful use of nuclear energy by Iran.

Clearly, West Jerusalem has made a conscious choice to further escalate tensions and raise the stakes. We have repeatedly warned about the perils of military ventures that pose threats to stability and security in the region. The Israeli leadership is responsible for all the consequences of this provocation.

We are closely following the actions of IAEA, which has a great deal of responsibility in this difficult situation. Agency staff members, along with citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran, have also come under Israeli fire. We expect balanced and objective assessments of what is occurring from the IAEA Director General, including a thorough analysis of the likely radiological consequences of the attacks on the nuclear facilities in Iran.

We also trust that the Western States that provoked anti-Iranian hysteria in the IAEA Board of Governors and once again pushed through an opportunistic resolution that was not universally supported to suit their political predilections and phobias will realize the disastrous results of their destructive course and the extent of their guilt for the tragedy.

We firmly believe that no matter what explanations those who planned, developed and carried out the attack on Iran may use, a settlement of the Iranian nuclear programme has no solution through military force and can be achieved exclusively by peaceful political and diplomatic means. We hope that such an approach will ultimately prevail. We call on the parties to exercise restraint in order to avoid a further escalation of tensions and prevent the region from descending into full-scale war.

We recall, in this context, the readiness of the United States of America to hold another round of talks on the Iranian nuclear programme with Iran in Oman.