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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Letter dated 27 June 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

Further to our previous letters dated 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25 June 2025 (S/2025/379, S/2025/387, S/2025/388, S/2025/391, S/2025/401, S/2025/404 and A/79/957-S/2025/410), I am writing to categorically reject and strongly condemn the recent unlawful, provocative and terror-inciting statements made by senior officials of the United States and the Israeli regime, who have openly and repeatedly threatened the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran with assassination.

On 26 June 2025, the Israeli regime's Minister of Defence, in an interview with Israeli media, explicitly threatened Iran's Supreme Leader and revealed the regime's plans for assassination. This outrageous and unlawful statement was issued in clear coordination with similarly inflammatory remarks made by the President of the United States – first on 18 June and again today, 27 June 2025 – when he referred to the Supreme Leader as an "easy target", declared "we are not going to take him out – at least not for now" and further claimed that he had "prevented Israel or the US Armed Forces from terminating his life".

Such reckless and deliberate threats by senior officials constitute a serious violation of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly Article 2 (4), which unequivocally prohibits both the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State. They also breach well-established principles of international law, including the inviolability of Heads of State, and amount to a clear incitement to State terrorism. Furthermore, the international counter-terrorism conventions and numerous United Nations resolutions, including those of the General Assembly and the Security Council, reaffirm that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of its motivation or origin.

Of particular concern, these terror-inciting statements – issued by criminal officials of the Israeli regime, which launched an unprovoked, large-scale military aggression, in flagrant violation of international law and the Charter, against the Islamic Republic of Iran on 13 June 2025, and which possesses a well-documented





record of State-sponsored assassinations, extraterritorial terror operations, deliberate armed attacks, including the killing of Iranian officials, nuclear scientists and civilians, and attacking of civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities — represent not isolated incidents, but are part of a long-standing, systematic campaign of State terrorism against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Such threats set a dangerous precedent by seeking to normalize assassination as a tool of foreign policy, in blatant contempt for the international legal order. The international community must not remain silent in the face of such clear and escalating violations of international law.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while reserving its inherent right to self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter, urges the Secretary-General and the Security Council to:

- Condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the threats of assassination made by the Israeli regime and United States officials as illegal, irresponsible and terroristic, in flagrant violation of international law and the Charter.
- Remind all parties of their legal obligations to refrain from inciting or supporting acts of terrorism or assassination against officials of other States.
- Take appropriate steps to ensure accountability for these internationally wrongful acts, in accordance with the Charter and relevant international instruments on terrorism and State responsibility.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 84 and 110, and of the Security Council.

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