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Letter dated 23 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

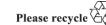
Upon instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters dated 13, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 June 2025 (S/2025/379, S/2025/387, S/2025/388, S/2025/391, S/2025/398, S/2025/401 and S/2025/404) regarding the unlawful acts of aggression committed by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I wish to share the latest report documenting grave and ongoing violations of international humanitarian law by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran since 13 June 2025, including the deliberate and indiscriminate targeting of civilians and civilian objects.\*

As we previously informed, in the early morning of 13 June 2025, the Israeli regime - with full United States support - launched an unprovoked and large-scale armed attack against the Islamic Republic of Iran that was followed by attacks and illegal use of force by the United States, a permanent member of the Security Council and one of the depositaries of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities and sites on 21 June 2025. These blatant acts of aggression not only defy the Charter of the United Nations but also breach fundamental principles of international law, including international humanitarian law. Of particular concern is the deliberate and indiscriminate targeting of civilians and civilian objects. These unlawful attacks resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians, including women, children, scientists, academics and senior military officials, and left thousands more injured. The Israeli acts of aggression have intentionally destroyed hospitals, residential areas, schools, media and training centres, oil refineries, energy depots, peaceful nuclear facilities and sites and other vital civilian infrastructure, all of which enjoy explicit protection under international law, in particular international humanitarian law and international human rights law. Such brutal attacks and aggression constitute clear breaches of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 2 (4), and violate General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of 1970, which categorically prohibits the threat or use of force. Moreover,

<sup>\*</sup> Available at https://london.mfa.ir/files/en290/newsattachment/2025062714415811434862175.pdf.







these criminal acts are serious violations of international humanitarian law and amount to war crimes, given the deliberate targeting of civilians, especially women and children.

Despite the Islamic Republic of Iran's repeated call for urgent action, the Security Council has remained silent and inactive. This continued inaction severely undermines the credibility of the Council and erodes the very international legal order that underpins the United Nations. Iran also underscores the legal and moral responsibility of the United States and other Western States complicit in this aggression for the devastating consequences on civilians and all the lives lost.

In light of these grave breaches of international law, including international humanitarian law, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again calls upon the Secretary-General and the Security Council to shoulder their primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations to maintain international peace and security by:

- Unequivocally condemning the acts of aggression by the Israeli regime and the
  United States against Iran, especially their deliberate attacks on civilians,
  civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities under the verification and
  monitoring of the International Atomic Energy Agency
- Taking immediate, decisive and effective measures to stop such brutal aggression and prevent the recurrence of such atrocities and to uphold the authority of international law and the Charter of the United Nations

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 80, 84 and 110, and of the Security Council.

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