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Letter dated 18 October 2025 from the representatives of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to refer to the joint letter dated 28 August 2025 from the Foreign Ministers of the People's Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation ([A/79/1004-S/2025/546](#), annex), in which they set out the common position of our States regarding the recent actions by the United Kingdom, France and Germany (the E3) allegedly undertaken in the context of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

We reaffirm that the attempt by the E3 to trigger the so-called "snapback" is, by default, legally and procedurally flawed. The E3, having themselves ceased to perform their commitments under both the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and also failing to exhaust the procedures of the dispute resolution mechanism, lack the standing to invoke its provisions.

Against this backdrop, we affirm that, in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), all its provisions are terminated after 18 October 2025. We reiterate that the full and timely conclusion of resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) marks the end of the Security Council's consideration of the Iranian nuclear issue and contributes to strengthening the authority of the Council and the credibility of multilateral diplomacy.

We emphasize that it is essential that the relevant parties stay committed to finding a political settlement that accommodates the concerns of all parties through diplomatic engagement and dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect, and refrain from unilateral sanction, threat of force or any other action that may escalate the situation, and that all countries should contribute to creating a favourable atmosphere and conditions for diplomatic efforts.

We would appreciate it if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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