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### **Identical letters dated 21 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to you the statement issued by the General Command of the Army and Armed Forces of the Syrian Arab Republic on 20 October 2016.

On 19 October 2016, the Erdoğan regime massacred more than 150 innocent civilians when Turkish warplanes attacked the following villages and towns in the northern countryside of Aleppo: Hassajik, Wardiyah, Hisyah, Ghul Suruj, Sadd al-Shahba', Ahras and Umm Hawsh.

The General Command of the Army and Armed Forces stresses that this blatant aggression against innocent civilians is a grave development that further complicates the situation. It warns that any other attempt by Turkish warplanes to violate Syrian airspace will be met with a response and the warplanes brought down by all available means.

It also warns that these irresponsible actions will have serious consequences for regional security and stability, and will contribute to the spread of terrorism.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador  
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