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Letter dated 28 February 2026 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament

I am writing with profound regret to draw your attention, as well as that of the members and observers of the Conference on Disarmament, to the blatant act of aggression and the full-scale unlawful armed attacks perpetrated by the regime of the United States and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 28 February, the United States of America and the Israeli regime perpetrated a premeditated and criminal act of aggression against the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This action constitutes a flagrant violation of the most fundamental principles of international law, including Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations and the prohibition of the use of force as a peremptory norm. Such aggression represents a clear and serious threat to international and regional peace and security and to the integrity of the international legal order.

As a consequence of the indiscriminate and unlawful attacks carried out against civilians and civilian objects, a significant number of innocent individuals, among them women and children, have lost their lives. In one particularly egregious incident, an attack on an elementary school in the city of Minab has so far claimed the lives of 148 innocent schoolgirls and left many others injured.

These unlawful and reckless attacks were launched at a time when the Islamic Republic of Iran had responded constructively to calls by the international community to address concerns regarding its peaceful nuclear programme. Despite prior experiences of the United States' malpractice, Iran had engaged in negotiations with the United States in good faith, with vigilance and a clear commitment to reaching a mutually beneficial outcome. Iran entered into dialogue fully aware of hostile intentions, yet determined to demonstrate the exclusively peaceful nature of its nuclear activities, to reaffirm that it has never sought nuclear weapons, and to remove any pretext for unlawful aggression.

While negotiations were progressing and a mutually acceptable deal was within reach, the United States once again demonstrated that it is not a reliable negotiating partner and that it instrumentalizes Iran's peaceful nuclear programme as a pretext for aggression.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has never abandoned the path of diplomacy. It is, rather, the United States and Israel that have repeatedly undermined and derailed diplomatic processes. War has never been Iran's choice, and Iran has never initiated aggression against any state. However, now that the United States' disregard for dialogue as a means of peaceful settlement of disputes has once again been made evident, and that the United States and its proxy in the region, namely Israeli regime, have imposed yet another war upon the Iranian nation, the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue exercising, without hesitation, its inherent right of self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations in order to repel the aggression.



The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently warned, including in the Conference on Disarmament, that any act of aggression against it would have consequences extending beyond its borders and would jeopardize regional security. By initiating a war of aggression, the United States has rendered all its bases, facilities, and assets legitimate targets in the context of Iran's exercise of its inherent and lawful right to self-defense.

This war of aggression is not directed solely against Iran; it is an assault on international and regional peace and security, on international law, and on the Charter of the United Nations itself. The international community must not remain indifferent in the face of such manifest violations. The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council bear a clear responsibility under the Charter to condemn these unlawful attacks in the strongest possible terms and to take the necessary measures to uphold international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms its enduring commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes through diplomatic means. At the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran's defense of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, fully in accordance with international law and Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will continue for as long as the aggression endures.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed to all Member and observer States.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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