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Letter dated 7 November 2025 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament *

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing this letter to draw your attention, as well as that of the distinguished members of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to the extremely concerning statements made by the President of the United States of America regarding the resumption of nuclear weapons testing.

It is a matter of grave concern that, on 29 October 2025, the President of the United States announced, via social media, that he had instructed the United States Department of War to "start testing our nuclear weapons on an equal basis" with other nuclear-weapon States, further declaring that "the process will begin immediately." Subsequently, on 31 October 2025, during an interview with CBS's 60 Minutes, he stated that the United States possesses "enough nuclear weapons to blow up the world 150 times."

These statements, which pose a grave threat to international peace and security, are being made at a time when, under Article 18 of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and established customary international law, the United States, as a signatory to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), is obliged to refrain from any acts that would defeat the object and purpose of the Treaty. Such rhetoric inflicts irreversible and far-reaching detriment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) regime, and entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, exacerbates the already existing nuclear arms race, and undermines collective efforts to achieve complete, irreversible, and verifiable nuclear disarmament.

The directive issued by the President of the United States to the "Department of War" not only runs counter to the United States' legal obligations under the Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, but also contravenes the agreements and commitments reached at the 1995, 2000, and 2010 IO NPT Review Conferences and its respective Action Plan. Moreover, this order constitutes a violation of the United States' commitment to the moratorium on nuclear weapon test explosions.

These statements are particularly egregious given that the United States is one of the three depositary Governments of the NPT and, as such, bears a unique legal and moral responsibility to uphold and safeguard the integrity of that Treaty.

Equally concerning are these statements at a time when the United States is deliberately disseminating falsehoods and disinformation, seeking to mislead the international community by portraying Iran's exclusively peaceful nuclear program as a threat to the international peace and security. The unlawful act of aggression committed by the United States on 24 June 2025, and aerial bombardment of Iran's IAEA-safeguarded nuclear facilities constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and the UN Charter, and

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represents a grave assault on the very foundations of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

The prevailing global instability, coupled with repeated setbacks from hard-won multilateral achievements accumulated over decades, constitutes a serious and urgent warning to the international community. It is imperative that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral negotiating body of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, fully and decisively exercise its mandate to achieve the conclusion of a comprehensive treaty on the complete, unconditional, irreversible, and verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons, thereby reinforcing the integrity of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

I would be grateful if the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament could be requested to circulate the present letter as an official document of the Conference.

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