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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chair,

Regional security in the Middle East cannot be meaningfully addressed without confronting its root cause: over seven decades of the Israeli regime's occupation, aggression, genocide, and systematic violations of international law—sustained by the political, military, and diplomatic support of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and the European Union, including through the continued supply of arms and a protective diplomatic shield.

In June 2025, the Israeli regime, with U.S. support, launched unprovoked terrorist and military strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including deliberate attacks on IAEA-safeguarded peaceful nuclear facilities. These reckless actions constitute a serious threat to international peace and security and require urgent collective condemnation and accountability.

Equally alarming is Israel's possession of weapons of mass destruction. It remains the only entity in the region with nuclear weapons and refuses to join the NPT or related treaties. Its nuclear arsenal and other WMD capabilities are the greatest obstacle to establishing a Middle East nuclear-weapon-free zone. Combined with vast conventional arms and

one of the world's highest per capita military expenditures, Israeli regime continues to pose a grave threat to regional and global stability.

Mr. Chair,

To restore peace and security in the Middle East, the international community must:

- Impose a comprehensive arms embargo on Israel, particularly by those supplying weapons used in atrocities;
- Ensure the urgent elimination of Israel's nuclear and other WMD arsenals; and
- Press for its accession to all relevant disarmament treaties.

Despite a hostile environment, Iran maintains one of the lowest military expenditures in the region and is party to all major WMD prohibition treaties. Iran remains fully committed to a nuclear-weapon-free Middle East and to its inalienable right to defend itself, including through lawful missile development.

As the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirmed at the recent General Assembly, Iran's nuclear program has always been—and will remain—exclusively peaceful. Attempts by Western states to deny Iran's inalienable right to peaceful nuclear technology under Article IV of the NPT undermine the Treaty itself. All nuclear-related restrictions under Resolution 2231 expired on 18 October 2025, and any continued measures are illegal.

On Ukraine, Iran remains neutral, rejects war, and calls for peace. Allegations against Iran are baseless and politically motivated. Our offer to clarify this matter through technical and expert-level dialogue remains open.

I thank you.