

# Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran

to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

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#### Statement

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Madam President, Madam Secretary General, Excellences, Distinguished Delegates,

The Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to draw the Council's urgent attention to a matter of grave concern regarding a brazen and unlawful act of aggression perpetrated by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In a reckless and deliberate armed attack that flagrantly violates the Charter of the United Nations and the most fundamental norms of international law, Israel has launched a coordinated series of military assaults targeting several Iranian cities, and its peaceful nuclear facilities, senior military officials, scientists and civilians.

Among the targets was the Natanz nuclear facility -one of Iran's principal nuclear sites, which operates under the full safeguards and monitoring of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This reckless attack has not only endangered Iranian civilian lives, but also posed an alarming threat to regional and international peace and security by risking a radiological disaster. Any deliberate military targeting of nuclear facilities under international safeguards constitutes a grave violation of international law. This dangerous assault further undermines the global non-proliferation regime and the integrity of the IAEA's mission.

Simultaneously, a number of targeted assassinations of senior Iranian military officials and scientists have been carried out in the capital, Tehran. These deliberate and premeditated acts constitute clear instances of state terrorism. The responsibility for these heinous crimes has been publicly and arrogantly claimed by the regime's Prime Minister himself, constituting an open admission of responsibility.

Israel Regime's unlawful assault on our critical ICT infrastructure – a reckless violation of international law and the foundational principles of global telecommunications. These deliberate attacks on communication networks, data centers, and digital infrastructure constitute a breach of the ITU Constitution (Article 1.3) guaranteeing states' sovereign right to manage their telecommunications, a violation of UNGA Resolution 75/240 on the protection of critical infrastructure, an act of cyber-terrorism disrupting civilian services including emergency communications, financial systems, and healthcare networks.

In recent development yesterday, Israeli Regime deliberately targeting of the Iranian Broadcasting Organization's facilities a blatant attack on civilian communication infrastructure that constitutes a flagrant violation of Article 38 of the Geneva Conventions, ITU Resolution 130 (Bucharest, 2022) on safeguarding telecommunication services and UNSC Resolution 2222 (2015) on protection of journalists and media infrastructure. This calculated assault on public broadcasting systems represents an act of information warfare designed to silence sovereign media, a threat to pluralism in global communications, and a dangerous precedent in the weaponization of media infrastructure.

### Madam President,

These outrageous actions represent not only a grave violation of Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity as a sovereign UN Member State, but also constitute acts of aggression and war crimes under international law and international humanitarian law. Most critically, these heinous attacks constitute a blatant violation of Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, which unequivocally prohibits the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

These coordinated acts mark yet another episode in Israel's pattern of unlawful and destabilizing conduct in the region, which poses a serious threat to international peace and security. Israel, the most terrorist regime in the world, has now crossed every red line, and the international community must not allow these crimes to go unpunished. The International Community must condemn this aggression and act immediately and unambiguously. This is not merely a military attack against one nation—it is a direct assault on the principles that underpin the international legal order. Failure to respond will only embolden the aggressor, reward impunity, and invite further chaos in an already fragile region.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms its inherent right to self-defense as enshrined in Article 51 of the UN Charter and is responding decisively and proportionately to these unlawful and cowardly acts. The Islamic Republic of Iran is acting with full resolve to protect its sovereignty, its people, and its national security. This right is non-negotiable.

We request that this statement be circulated as a document of the Council and brought to the attention of all Member States.

## I Thank you.