

Mission Permanente de la République Islamique d'Iran Auprès des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

17 June 2025

Excellency,

I am writing to draw your urgent attention to the grave developments following the unlawful and unprovoked armed attack by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 13 June 2025, the Israeli regime perpetrated a series of deliberate and unlawful armed attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including populated cities, residential areas and critical infrastructure. This act of aggression constitutes a flagrant violation of fundamental rules and principles of international law as well as the Charter of the United Nations, particularly Article 2 (4), which unequivocally prohibits the threat or use of force against territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

Among the facilities targeted, were customs offices, railway lines, and other key components of transport infrastructure. These blatant attacks significantly disrupted international transit operations, with direct and long-standing implications for global trade, regional connectivity, and the effective implementation of multilateral transit instruments, most notably, the TIR Convention (1975).

This blatant war of aggression, not only impedes the smooth and secure international movement of goods by road through harmonized customs procedures, but also undermines the spirit, obligations and objectives of the Convention.

Moreover, the escalation of hostilities has forced the internal displacement of large numbers of civilians who have resorted to road transport to escape targeted attacks. This has resulted in a significant rise in road traffic incidents and fatalities, further compounding the human and infrastructural impact of the aggression.

In light of the above, I respectfully urge, to give due consideration to the consequences of these violations on the integrity of international transit system and to reflect this matter in the relevant bodies and forums of the UNECE. We remain confident that the Secretariat will continue to uphold the core principles of multilateralism, rule of law, and the sanctity of international conventions, including in the field of international transport and trade facilitation.

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

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