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## Identical letters dated 13 January 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information.

At 1.10 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 January 2021, the Israeli enemy authorities once again attacked the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic by carrying out air strikes against the cities of Dayr al-Zawr and Albu Kamal.

This brutal Israeli aggression against certain parts of Dayr al-Zawr Governorate occurred as the separatist terrorist militias known as the Syrian Democratic Forces continue to commit acts of terrorism and crimes against Syrians and to repress them in Hasakah, Raqqah and Dayr al-Zawr Governorates. Those militias are supported by the United States Administration and the forces of the so-called international coalition, which work with one another openly and in concert to provide the militias with military, logistical, material and political support, with a view to executing projects planned by the United States of America and some of its State proxies. Among those proxies is Israel, the rogue entity that pays no heed to the Charter of the United Nations or authoritative international resolutions, including the relevant Security Council resolutions, in which the Council has repeatedly reaffirmed the integrity of the territory and people of Syria and the country's sovereignty and independence. In addition, those Israeli attacks, as we have already pointed out, serve to augment crimes recently committed by armed terrorist groups in more than one part of Syria that have resulted in the death or injury of several Syrian civilians.

The successive Israeli attacks and their coincidence with the terrorist attacks demonstrate once again and beyond any doubt that there is agreement and coordination among all actors that are hostile to Syria, some of which occupy parts of its territory, violate its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and seek to undermine its political stability. There is also no doubt that those actors are swapping roles in order to implement their common agenda of continuing to support takfirist and economic terrorism and executing certain separatist projects in the region.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that it is determined, with the help of friendly States and its allies, to recover every inch of the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic and liberate it from the tyranny of terrorism, and to rebuild what the terrorists and their supporters have destroyed. It also reaffirms that it will not allow them to achieve their goals, and that it is more certain than ever that it will





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triumph over terrorism and recover the occupied Syrian Golan up to the line 4 June 1967.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council, which continually reaffirms that the sovereignty of Syria must be respected, to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, the most significant of which is the maintenance of international peace and security, and take resolute and immediate action in order to prevent the recurrence of Israeli acts of aggression and terrorism, compel Israel to respect Security Council resolutions concerning the Disengagement of Forces Agreement and hold Israel accountable for its acts of terrorism and crimes against the Syrian people. Such conduct is in flagrant violation of the Charter, international law, Security Council resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 350 (1974) and 497 (1981), and all international instruments and resolutions concerning counter-terrorism.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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