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**Letter dated 3 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In its resolution 2249 (2015), the Security Council recognized that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also known as Daesh, constitutes a global and unprecedented threat to international peace and security. In this respect, the Council noted the letters of the Iraqi authorities stating that ISIL/Daesh is a direct threat to the security of the Iraqi people and territory. Furthermore, the Council condemned horrifying terrorist attacks perpetrated by ISIL/Daesh, including in Sousse, Ankara, Beirut and Paris and over the Sinai, and noted that ISIL/Daesh has the capability and intention to carry out further attacks. ISIL/Daesh members are known to be actively engaged in planning and directing attacks against the United Kingdom from Syria.

In accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and further to our letters of 25 November 2014 ([S/2014/851](#)) and 7 September 2015 ([S/2015/688](#)), I am therefore writing to report to the Security Council that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is taking necessary and proportionate measures against ISIL/Daesh in Syria, as called for by the Council in resolution 2249 (2015), in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence.

I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Matthew Rycroft

