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### **Letter dated 26 February 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Pursuant to the letters dated 5 November 2018 ([A/73/490-S/2018/988](#)), 11 May 2018 ([A/72/869-S/2018/453](#)) and 13 October 2017 ([S/2017/862](#)) from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the continuous violations of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by the United States of America, I would like to bring to your attention the following:

The Vice President of the United States, in his remarks in Warsaw on 14 February 2019, expressed regret that other JCPOA participants continued to adhere to their respective commitments and shamelessly stated that “the time has come for our European partners to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal and join with us as we bring the economic and diplomatic pressure”.<sup>1</sup> He made similar comments on 16 February 2019 in Munich and reiterated that “the time has come for our European partners to stop undermining U.S. sanctions”,<sup>2</sup> which was directed mainly at a special purpose vehicle for facilitating financial transactions with Iran – a long overdue initial step aimed at remedying the adverse effects of nuclear-related sanctions of the United States. In other words, he openly advocated for the collapse of the JCPOA and, consequently, of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

While, according to Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations, the United States is under explicit legal obligation to “accept and carry out” the decisions of the Security Council – in this case, those contained in resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) – such reprehensible public statements clearly contradict the resolution and also run counter to the Charter of the United Nations. In fact, by making such intimidating statements, the United States continues to unlawfully force all States, in particular its closest allies and partners, to violate their legal obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) of the Security Council.

In its resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), the Security Council affirmed that the “conclusion of the JCPOA marks a fundamental shift in its consideration of this issue”. Accordingly, the Council not only endorsed the lifting of all related unilateral and multilateral sanctions but also decided, under Article 41 of the Charter of the United

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-vice-president-pence-warsaw-ministerial-working-luncheon-warsaw-poland/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-vice-president-pence-2019-munich-security-conference-munich-germany/>.



Nations, to terminate all of its previous resolutions imposing sanctions and expressly invited “Member States to give due regard to these changes”. The acts of the United States and the public statements made by the senior officials of its current administration are clearly disrespectful of those calls by the Security Council and challenge the will of the international community in full disregard of the Charter of the United Nations.

Likewise, in resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#), the Security Council emphasized that “the JCPOA is conducive to promoting and facilitating the development of normal economic and trade contacts and cooperation with Iran” and “calls upon all Member States ... to support the implementation of the JCPOA, including by taking actions commensurate with the implementation plan set out in the JCPOA and this resolution and by refraining from actions that undermine implementation of commitments under the JCPOA”. Therefore, the so-called campaign of maximum pressure by the United States on the Iranian people and coercion of enterprises to stop their business with Iran is nothing but a clear violation of the JCPOA and the Security Council resolution. Equally, while according to Article 94 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations, the United States has an unequivocal undertaking “to comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice in any case to which it is a party”, its related policies and measures are also contrary to the provisional measures that were ordered by the Court on 3 October 2018 ([S/2018/899](#), annex).

Such an irresponsible policy and malign behaviour by a permanent member of the Security Council, with all of its adverse ramifications on international peace and security, rule of law at the international level, as well as the effectiveness and credibility of the Security Council, must not be condoned by the international community. In order to prevent further erosion of multilateral instruments and institutions by the United States, the international community should act collectively and decisively in rejecting the wrongful acts of the United States, condemning its related policies in the strongest possible terms and taking necessary measures in order to hold it accountable for such illegal practices.

Given the continuous violations of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) by the United States and consistent with paragraph 7 of the note by the President of the Security Council ([S/2016/44](#)), the Secretary-General is respectfully requested to report on those acts more comprehensively.

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

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and Chargé d'affaires a.i.