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Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with respect to the letter dated 18 February 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2021/158](#)) regarding the decision of the United States to withdraw its letters of 20 August 2020 ([S/2020/815](#)), 21 August 2020 ([S/2020/822](#)) and 21 September 2020 ([S/2020/927](#)).

The above-mentioned decision is indeed a welcome acknowledgement of the incontrovertible fact that the letters dated 20 and 21 August and 21 September 2020 of the United States were considered by the Security Council and General Assembly as having no legal validity or practical implications ([S/2020/451](#), [S/2020/517](#), [S/2020/816](#), [S/2020/817](#), [S/2020/821](#), [S/2020/824](#), [S/2020/837](#), [S/2020/839](#), [S/2020/923](#), [S/2020/924](#), [S/2020/928](#), [S/2020/931](#), [S/2020/1177](#), para. 7, [S/2020/1244](#), paras. 19–42, and [A/75/682](#), paras. 43–46).

While reaffirming its positions in this respect ([S/2020/814](#), [S/2020/922](#) and [S/2020/1000](#)), the Islamic Republic of Iran underlines that the United States still is not a participant State in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and that the aforesaid communication neither can change the current status of that country within the JCPOA nor will entail any rights emanating from the JCPOA or resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#). The United States continues to be in material breach of its obligations under resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#).

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

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