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Letter dated 27 January 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw attention to the item on the agenda entitled “Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council” (S/10409) regarding the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three islands of the United Arab Emirates, namely, Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa. In that connection, I should like to convey to you information regarding the ongoing violations being committed by officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran of the memorandum of understanding concluded in November 1971, which was registered with the United Nations Secretariat as document No. 55801. Those violations relate to actions taken by Iranian officials in areas that are fully under the jurisdiction of the United Arab Emirates pursuant to the memorandum of understanding, without prejudice to the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over the whole of Abu Musa island.

1. The Iranian authorities have not allowed any building materials or equipment to be brought in for the purpose of modernizing and improving United Arab Emirates public facilities, such as the school, the health-care centre, the police station, the power plant and places of worship, on Abu Musa island.
2. The Iranian authorities have been intensively engaged in building military facilities in the part of the island that belongs to the United Arab Emirates pursuant to the memorandum of understanding.
3. On 1 November 2020, the Iranian deputy military governor entered the United Arab Emirates police station on the island and asked staff to inform the competent authorities in the United Arab Emirates part of the island that they should remove the wreckage of the warehouse that the Iranian authorities had demolished forcibly in September 2020. He also threatened that the Iranian authorities would remove a workshop owned by a United Arab Emirates national on the island.
4. On 3 November 2020, the Iranian deputy military governor entered Abu Musa Joint School of the United Arab Emirates to check whether any events had been held to mark United Arab Emirates Flag Day. He also entered the office of the island’s Water and Electricity Department and seized United Arab Emirates flags.
5. The Iranian authorities have restricted the ability of United Arab Emirates nationals and residents to enter and leave the island. For example, on 7 November 2020, the Iranian deputy military governor prevented the yacht *Khatir* from entering



the United Arab Emirates part of the island, although that vessel had been coming to the island on a weekly basis to provide for the needs of United Arab Emirates nationals and residents.

6. On 8 November 2021, the Iranian deputy military governor forcibly photographed generators belonging to the United Arab Emirates Electricity, Water and Gas Authority on Abu Musa island without the permission of the relevant department of or persons at the Authority.

The United Arab Emirates condemns and strongly protests against these violations. Indeed, such violations do not promote stronger bilateral relations between the neighbouring countries and are contrary to the principles of good-neighbourliness and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

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

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