



Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and would like to refer to the General Assembly resolution 79/124 entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”. In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of the said resolution, the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations would like to report serious instances of the violation of the security and safety of its diplomatic mission as following:

“On 8 December 2024, concurrent with the recent situation in Syria, groups of individuals forcefully intruded, overran, and invaded the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus which resulted in, among others, forcible opening of the entrances of the premises and storages, severe damage to and vandalizing the premises and properties inside the premises in question including, *inter alia*, shattering the windows, doors, and the furniture. Early footages of the attack disseminated online also indicate that possibly fire had also been opened against the embassy.

Given the imminent life-threatening attacks conducted, the members of the diplomatic mission had already vacated the premises. The said groups and individuals also raided and ransacked the embassy while ravaging various properties inside the premises, impairing the dignity of the embassy, and conducting other unlawful acts. The full extent of the attacks and damages inflicted upon the premises and the properties related thereto could not be assessed at the present stage due to the ongoing situation in Damascus and other cities in Syria where the missions of the Islamic Republic of Iran are located.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations condemns such unlawful acts which, amongst others, jointly and separately have encroached upon the principle of inviolability of the mission, its archives and documents, and reiterates that the deplorable acts could not be justified under any circumstances. The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that the inviolability of the diplomatic premises which has also been reflected in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) constitutes a foundational



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principle of relevant international law. The inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions including of that of its properties, archives, and documents of the mission and of its members should be respected in all circumstances in accordance with international law.

Given the fact that the embassy has suffered two phases of attacks on 8 December 2024 and in addition to that, the consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Aleppo has been targeted including by short-range weapons on 29 November 2024, the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its continued serious concerns regarding the increasingly exacerbating status of the safety and security of the Iranian diplomatic and consular premises in Syria. Imminent risks of invasion and repetition of attacks in various forms against the embassy and the consulate may materialize considering the situation in Syria. In this respect, the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations emphasizes that attacks against its diplomatic and consular premises must be prevented and stopped and any actions by groups or individuals that might further jeopardize and violate the safety, security and inviolability of the Iranian mission should be desisted.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to hereby request the Secretariat to include the abovementioned report on the attacks described above, as presented herein, in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the resolution A/RES/79/124. The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to kindly request the Secretariat that the present report be circulated pursuant to paragraph 12(b) of the above-mentioned resolution.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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