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Letter dated 26 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to your briefing at the Security Council's meeting on the situation in the Middle East held on 24 March 2010, where you also made some remarks on Iran's nuclear issue reflecting the concerns expressed by Israeli officials, and in this regard I would like to bring to your kind attention the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran as a responsible country has a clear nuclear policy. Iran is committed to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Iran's nuclear programme is, and always has been, for peaceful purposes. IAEA has repeatedly confirmed that Iran's nuclear programme "remains in peaceful use". Therefore, repetition of so-called "Israel's concerns" over Iran's nuclear issue in the context of a briefing meeting regarding the Palestinian question is incorrect, unacceptable and without any credible foundation. It also constitutes a distraction from the purpose of addressing the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands.

It is no wonder that by making inflammatory remarks and baseless allegations against Iran's nuclear programme, the Zionist regime has preposterously attempted to deflect the attention of the United Nations and the international community from its unparalleled record of non-compliance with Security Council resolutions and its long and dark catalogue of crimes and atrocities such as occupation, aggression, militarism, state-terrorism, and crimes against humanity. It is also a widely recognized fact that the Israeli regime's clandestine development and unlawful possession of nuclear weapons poses a uniquely grave threat to regional as well as international peace and security.

The Israeli regime has clearly defied the demand of the overwhelming majority of the United Nations Member States that have, time and again, called on this regime to renounce nuclear weapons and accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. In this regard, as recently as July 2009, the Heads of State or Government of 118 members of the Non-Aligned Movement urged the Israeli regime "to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty without delay, to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards according to Security Council resolution 487 (1981), and to conduct its nuclear-related activities in conformity with the non-proliferation regime". The NAM members also "expressed great concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighbouring



and other States, and condemned Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals". The same demands have also been constantly made by the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that various Israeli officials continue to publicly threaten to use force against the Islamic Republic of Iran in total defiance of international law and the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which has been officially documented. Regrettably, the inaction of the relevant United Nations organs in dealing with such Israeli policies and practices has emboldened this dangerous regime. These statements and threats constitute matters of extreme gravity that require urgent and resolute response on the part of the relevant United Nations organs, in particular the Security Council and the Secretary-General.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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