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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and International Organizations in Vienna and has the honor to convey, as attached, the official letter of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Secretary General and President of the Security Council, regarding the terrorist attack by the armed forces of the United States of America which led to the horrific assassination of Major General Qasem Soleimani, the Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolution' Guard Corps, an official branch of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and his companions on 3 January 2020 at the Baghdad International Airport.

Assassination of Major General Soleimani along with a number of his companions, including an honoured high-ranking Iraqi military commander, is an atrocious crime and vivid instance of State terrorism, instructed by the US president and carried out in unadulterated breach of all renowned and well-established International rules, norms and standards including the principles of the UN charter.

The malevolent assassination of Major General Soleimani, a great national hero and harbinger in fighting terrorist groups in the region, who made influential contribution in fighting against and overcoming ISIS/DAESH terrorism in Iraq and Syria, is a vibrant proof of US' vain claim in combatting terrorism and extremism and its uncaring resentment towards Iranian nation and its disdain for peace and stability in the region.

During the past decade and in accordance with Iran's national policy and international commitments in combating terrorism, Martyr Major General Soleimani has played a vital role in protecting the people and assisting some governments in the region, upon their request, in defeating most treacherous terrorist groups designated by the UN security Council as terrorist groups. This fact



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has been highly appreciated and acknowledged by the high ranking officials of those countries.

At the time of assassination, as very clearly stipulated by the acting Iraqi Prime Minister during the fifth of January's session of national parliament of Iraq convened to discuss the issue, Martyr Major General Suleimani was officially invited by the government of Iraq to discuss some regional issues. Meanwhile the United States committed this odious crime in gross violation of the sovereignty of another independent State.

With the aerial attack to heinously assassinate an Iranian Commander, the current US administration has shown once again to the world its vindictive nature, to the worst of it. It is of ferocity of the US to consider itself entitled to kill others.

The act of the US in martyring Major General Suleimani, is extremely provocative and aiming at escalating tensions in the region. The US regime should be ready to be responsive to and bear full responsibility of the repercussions of its terrorist act.

Designating a sector of military force of a sovereign state as a so called "foreign terrorist organization" is also violation of the charter of the United Nations and it's well known principles, including, inter alia, the principle of sovereign equality of states, and cannot be used as a masquerade to impose threats or use of force against them, including in the territory of a third state.

The United States deceitful policy is in defiance of its international obligations to fight terrorism, including United Nation Security Council Resolutions. This hypocritical policy dangerously deteriorates international and regional efforts to fight terrorism. Ironically the United States is fighting those who fight terrorism.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while categorically rejecting baseless claims of the United States officials which are made to justify their blatant act of state terrorism in assassinating Major General Ghasem Soleimani and firmly condemning this villainy, proclaims that, will exercise its rights under international law to take necessary measures of legitimate defense.



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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions and International Organizations in Vienna the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 6 January 2020

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