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**Letter dated 28 February 2026 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 have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 28 February 2026 from Seyed Abbas Araghchi, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (see annex), concerning the manifest act of aggression and coordinated, large-scale armed attacks perpetrated by the United States of America and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In light of the grave and far-reaching consequences of this armed aggression for regional and international peace and security, the Foreign Minister urgently calls upon the Security Council to convene, without delay, an emergency meeting to address the ongoing acts of aggression by the United States and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

(Signed) Amir Saeid **Iravani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 28 February 2026 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 write with profound regret to urgently draw your attention, and that of the members of the Security Council, to the manifest act of aggression and coordinated large-scale armed attacks perpetrated by the United States of America and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Today, 28 February 2026, the United States and the Israeli regime flagrantly violated the national sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran by launching attacks against a number of defensive facilities and civilian sites in various cities across our country. The air strikes carried out by the United States and the Israeli regime constitute a clear violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations and amount to an open armed aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In responding to this act of aggression, the Islamic Republic of Iran is exercising its inherent and lawful right of self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will utilize all necessary defensive capabilities and means to confront this criminal aggression and deter the hostile acts. Accordingly, all bases, facilities and assets of the hostile forces in the region shall be regarded as legitimate military objectives within the framework of Iran's lawful exercise of self-defence. Iran will continue to exercise its right of self-defence decisively and without hesitation until the aggression ceases fully and unequivocally.

The United States and the Israeli regime shall bear full and direct responsibility for all ensuing consequences, including any escalation arising from their unlawful actions.

In light of the grave and far-reaching consequences of this armed aggression for regional as well as international peace and security, the Islamic Republic of Iran recalls the core responsibility of the United Nations and in particular, the Security Council, to take immediate action in response to this breach of international peace and security resulting from the flagrant military aggression of the United States and the Israeli regime against Iran. Iran calls upon the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council and the Security Council's members to discharge their duties without delay. In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran urgently calls upon the members of the Security Council to convene, without delay, an emergency meeting of the Council to address the United States and Israeli regime's acts of aggression, a breach of peace which is a real and serious threat to international peace and security, and to take the necessary and immediate measures to halt this unlawful use of force and to ensure accountability.

The Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon all States Members of the United Nations that bear responsibility for international peace and security to unequivocally condemn this act of aggression and to undertake urgent and collective measures to confront it, as it undoubtedly poses an unprecedented threat to regional as well as global peace and security.

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

(Signed) Seyed Abbas **Araghchi**
Minister for Foreign Affairs