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### **Letter dated 20 June 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you about another unlawful and yet very dangerous and provocative act by the United States military forces against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at 0014 hours local time on Thursday 20 June 2019, a United States unmanned aircraft system that had taken off from one of the bases of the United States military forces in the south of the Persian Gulf, conducted an overflight through the Strait of Hormuz to Chabahar port in full stealth mode as it had turned off its identification equipment and engaged in a clear spying operation. When the aircraft was returning towards the western parts of the region near the Strait of Hormuz, despite repeated radio warnings, it entered into the Iranian airspace where the air defence system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, acting under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, targeted the intruding aircraft at 0405 hours local time on the same date at the coordinates N255943 and E570225 near the Kouh-e Mobarak region in the central district of Jask in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Such a provocative act is a blatant violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 2 (4). Iran condemns, in the strongest possible terms, this irresponsible and provocative wrongful act by the United States, which entails its international responsibility.

While the Islamic Republic of Iran does not seek war, it reserves its inherent right, under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, to take all appropriate necessary measures against any hostile act violating its territory, and is determined to vigorously defend its land, sea and air.

This is not the first provocative act by the United States against Iran's territorial integrity. It is reminded that in all such cases, the Islamic Republic of Iran has officially protested to the United States through its interests section in the Embassy of Switzerland in Tehran.

The international community is called upon to demand that the United States put an end to its continued unlawful and destabilizing measures in the already volatile region of the Persian Gulf.

It would be highly appreciated if you could have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador  
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