

The President of the Security Council presents her compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, a copy of a **letter dated 27 June 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America** addressed to the President of the Security Council.

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## UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Excellency:

In accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, I wish to report on behalf of my Government that on June 22, 2025, the Armed Forces of the United States exercised the inherent right of collective self-defense and advanced vital U.S. interests in eliminating Iran's nuclear program by conducting a precision airstrike on three nuclear facilities in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan.

Our President, Donald J. Trump, authorized this operation to neutralize the threat that the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear program posed to Israel and to international peace and security. The objective was to destroy Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity and stop the threat that this rogue regime obtains and uses a nuclear weapon. That threat must be considered in light of more than four decades over which the Islamic Republic of Iran has launched unprovoked attacks against the United States and other UN Member States, violated the UN Charter and the norms of civilized nations, materially supported international terrorism, sought to eradicate the State of Israel, and called for "Death to America."

My Government has repeatedly informed the Security Council in recent years of Iran's responsibility for armed attacks on the United States. In a letter dated January 8, 2020, my Government described an escalating series of armed attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iran-supported militias on U.S. forces and interests in the Middle East region. My Government provided further reports in the subsequent years calling out the responsibility of Iran's Islamic

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Revolutionary Guard Corps and affiliated militia groups for a series of armed attacks against U.S. personnel and facilities in Syria and Iraq, and notifying the Security Council of measures that the United States had taken in its national self-defense. The long history of Iranian belligerence gives unique gravity to the existential threat posed to U.S. interests in the region by a potential nuclear device and a ballistic missile delivery system in the hands of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

For almost forty-seven years the Islamic Republic of Iran has also waged a campaign of armed attacks against the State of Israel. Those attacks have intensified in recent years, including the launching of hundreds of ballistic missiles against Israel in 2024. The Islamic Republic of Iran has committed these attacks both directly and through its proxies, and Israel has responded to those attacks in the exercise of its inherent right of self-defense. On June 13, 2025, in the latest stage of this international armed conflict, Israel responded to the threat posed by Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

In close coordination with the Government of Israel, the United States has taken necessary and proportionate action — directed solely against the Iranian nuclear program — to defend Israel and also to protect our own security, citizens, and interests, consistent with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. The strikes taken on June 22 occurred because peaceful measures were exhausted. In recent weeks and months, and as it has for well over a quarter century, the United States made every effort to secure a diplomatic resolution ensuring peace, prosperity, and security for all States in the region; to prevent a dangerous spiral of nuclear proliferation and instability, such a resolution must include ending the Islamic Republic of Iran's potential development of a nuclear weapon. However, Iran refused to negotiate in good faith or to cease enriching uranium beyond the threshold needed for peaceful, civilian power generation.

The eradication of Israel and the downfall of America have been central pillars, policies, and promises of the Iranian regime since it took power in 1979. Directly, and through proxies, it has repeatedly — and at great cost to the people of Iran — taken extraordinary measures to carry out these lethal policies. Based on the regime's lengthy record of internal and external atrocities and depredations, there is no basis to believe that its claims of peaceful nuclear intentions are truthful, and it would be catastrophically dangerous to assume that a nuclear device in its hands would be left unused.

The United States remains committed to pursuing a deal with the Iranian government. Our President has called on the Iranian regime to end the violence and work with the United States and our allies and partners to bring peace and stability to the region. If the Iranian government abandons its nuclear ambitions and never again seeks a nuclear weapon, then this deal will massively benefit the Iranian people and bring peace and prosperity to the entire region. But, President Trump has also warned that the consequences for any Iranian response will be dire. Accordingly, my Government reserves the right to take such additional actions as may become necessary in its inherent right of self-defense to respond to future attacks or threats of attacks against U.S. nationals and U.S. personnel and facilities, or in the collective self-defense of its allies and partners.

I ask that you circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shea', with a stylized, flowing script.

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Acting Representative of the United States  
to the United Nations