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H.E. Michael Waltz  
President of the Security Council

Jerusalem, March 10, 2026

I write to inform you of the Iranian regime's ongoing hostilities against the State of Israel, and of the military operation Israel is conducting, Operation "Roaring Lion," together with the United States of America, in order to remove an existential threat posed to Israel by this radical regime.

In the past days, the Iranian regime has launched large-scale murderous missile and drone attacks against Israeli civilian population centers, in flagrant violation of international law. Thirteen civilians in Israel were killed directly by Iranian missile attack, hundreds were wounded, and extensive damage was caused.

For decades, the Iranian regime and its leaders have openly declared their objective to annihilate the State of Israel. This was never mere rhetoric, but rather an operational plan that this regime pursued through a sustained campaign of ongoing hostilities, including through its network of terror proxies, and the relentless pursuit of advancing its nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction programs, as well as its long-range missiles program. Iran has directly launched ballistic and cruise missile attacks against Israel and conducted numerous covert and overt hostile operations – on land, sea, air, and cyberspace – as part of the ongoing armed conflict it has been waging. The regime has repeatedly deliberately attacked Israeli civilian population centers, including targeting hospitals and places of worship, murdering civilians, and terrorizing cities with indiscriminate missile barrages, in flagrant violation of international law. This campaign has also been carried out indirectly, including through Iran's terrorist proxies who operate throughout the region, which the Iranian regime directed, guided, funded, trained, and equipped with weapons as well as logistical support, intelligence and military know-how, and has been substantially involved in armed attacks these proxies carry out against Israel.

Despite sustained diplomatic effort by the international community, and the resolute, necessary and proportionate military action conducted by Israel (as detailed in Israel's letter to the

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Council, dated 17 June 2025), as well as the United States of America, in Operation "Rising Lion" and Operation "Midnight Hammer" (June 2025), the Iranian regime has continued to pursue its stated objective of annihilating the State of Israel and waging an ongoing armed conflict against it.

The Iranian regime has not changed course and continues to seek nuclear weapons, not only by resuming its efforts to develop nuclear weapons and advance its massive long-range missile program, but also by clandestinely and rapidly accelerating these efforts. Since June 2025, the Iranian regime continued to expand and fortify its nuclear capabilities and ballistic missile program, including the construction of fortified underground facilities designed to conceal and shield the pathway to a nuclear weapon. It has refused IAEA inspections of nuclear sites, undeclared certain sites which have been recently rebuilt and fitted for nuclear enrichment suitable for military grade enrichment, secretly reorganized its nuclear weapon program group under the guise of ostensibly legitimate projects, and taken many other steps to rebuild or replace components of its nuclear weapons program that had been forcibly degraded.

Without immediate action, Iran's nuclear and missile capabilities would soon have reached a stage at which effective defensive intervention would no longer be possible. Failure to act now, after exhausting other reasonable measures, including extensive US-led diplomatic efforts, would have permanently foreclosed Israel's ability to defend itself from this existential threat.

As has also been brought before this Council, in the past days, the Iranian regime has directed armed attacks toward numerous other states in the Gulf region and beyond, including Europe and the Caucasus. Iran's recent actions further underscore that the regime's aggression constitutes a direct threat not only to Israel, but to regional and international peace and security. The shameful and brazen attempts of this regime to legitimize its unlawful indiscriminate attacks against civilians in the territory of many states have rightfully been completely rejected and condemned.

Iran's regime has officially announced the close of the straits of Hormuz, attacked global shipping indiscriminately and disrupted the freedom of maritime navigation. Their network of terrorist organizations, most prominently Hezbollah (acting directly against the express will of



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the State of Lebanon, as noted in its letter to the Council dated 2 March 2026), continue to attack Israel and destabilize the region.

The actions of the Iranian regime also constitute a clear violation of obligations established by the Security Council. In September 2025, UN Security Council resolutions pertaining to Iran were reimposed under the terms of UN Security Council resolution 2231. Under these resolutions, Iran was required to suspend nuclear related activities, including construction of nuclear enrichment facilities, and suspend any ongoing construction thereof. Moreover, Iran was prohibited from carrying out “any ballistic missile activity”, as well as transferring arms to its proxy terrorist organizations.

This regime has also butchered its own nationals, the brave people of Iran, who sought freedom from its tyrannical grip, committing mass killings and other atrocities against its own civilians. Operation “Roaring Lion” is not directed against the people of Iran, who for many years have sought greater freedom and dignity in the face of repression. Their struggle against tyranny and aspiration for freedom deserves the support of the international community. Degrading this despotic regime’s military capabilities in order to remove the existential threat posed to Israel may also help create the conditions for the Iranian people to liberate themselves from the chains of tyranny and open a gateway for a safer and more peaceful region and world.

As part of the broader ongoing armed conflict that Iran is waging against Israel, and in accordance with Israel’s right and duty to defend itself and its citizens, Israel will continue to take all necessary measures and conduct its military operation in compliance with international law, including the rules of distinction, proportionality and the obligation in attack to take all feasible precautions to mitigate civilian harm.

Israel calls upon the Security Council to condemn Iran's acts of hostilities across the region, as well as its decades long destabilizing activity, that constituted a grave threat to regional and international peace and security.

I respectfully urge the Security Council to take decisive action to condemn Iran for its ongoing violations and to immediately designate the "Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps" (IRGC) as a terrorist organization, a step already taken by the US, EU and many other Member States.



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I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as an official document of the Security Council. I would like to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gideon Sa'ar'.

Gideon Sa'ar  
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