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Letter dated 7 August 2025 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 am writing in reference to the statement delivered by the representative of France during the 9973rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 6 August 2025 in connection with the item entitled “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”. In the meeting, the French representative made an unwarranted, provocative and politically motivated reference to Iran, alleging that the so-called “proliferation crisis in Iran” is worsening in defiance of international law.

Such a baseless allegation not only is wholly irrelevant to the subject matter of the meeting, convened to address the mandate and work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), but also represents a deliberate distortion of facts. Iran’s nuclear programme remains exclusively peaceful and fully transparent. Iran continues to honour its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

It is deeply disappointing and hypocritical that France, a State Party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and a permanent Security Council member, voices concern over Iran’s peaceful nuclear programme while ignoring its own long-standing role in undermining the non-proliferation regime. France has failed to meet its disarmament obligations under article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and was instrumental in enabling the Israeli regime’s undeclared nuclear weapons programme. To this day, France remains silent on Israel’s nuclear arsenal and has never called for its accession to the Non-Proliferation Treaty nor condemned its aggressive attacks on Iran’s International Atomic Energy Agency safeguarded nuclear facilities on 12 June 2025. Such complicity not only violates international law and the Charter of the United Nations but also threatens the integrity of the global non-proliferation regime.

If France truly cares about the nuclear non-proliferation regime, it must end its double standards and hypocrisy and unequivocally demand that Israel accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty without delay and place its undeclared military nuclear programme under the full-scope monitoring and verification of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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

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