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I convey warm greetings on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, whose Member States are compelled to write to you in connection with the unprovoked and premeditated heinous attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran, perpetrated by Israel since 13 June 2025, killing more than a thousand Iranian people, including women and children, while leaving thousands injured.

As you are well aware, in the course of the brutal attacks mentioned above, Israel also targeted Iranian peaceful nuclear facilities that are under safeguards and monitoring of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). These were later attacked, in a deliberate manner, by the United States of America, on 22 June 2025.

In this context, we cannot overemphasize the importance of defending the very purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, which is at the core of our grouping goals and, for that reason, we are seriously concerned about such unlawful attacks that violate international law and the fundamental principles set forth in the founding Charter of our Organization.

As a matter of fact, the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations has been unequivocal in condemning and denouncing such attacks in the strongest possible terms, as reflected in the special communiqués issued on 14 and 23 June 2025 in this respect (see annexes I and II). We renew, in this regard, our concerns as to these brutal attacks against IAEA-safeguarded nuclear facilities, as well as to the damages resulting therefrom, which pose formidable risks of release of radioactive material, and, as a result, to the civilian population and the environment as a whole.

The General Assembly, through its resolution [36/27](#) concerning the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear installations in 1981, underlined the fact that the Israeli attacks against nuclear facilities were considered an attack on “the Agency and its safeguards régime”. The resolution also issued therein “a solemn warning to Israel to cease its threats and the commission of such armed attacks against nuclear facilities”. At that time, the General Assembly also condemned “Israeli threats to repeat such



attacks on nuclear installations”; a timeless condemnation that is also applicable to the present case.

On the same issue, the Security Council, through its resolution [487 \(1981\)](#) of 19 June 1981, strongly condemned the military attack of Israel against nuclear facilities and considered that such attacks constitute “a serious threat to the entire safeguards régime of the International Atomic Energy Agency”. Moreover, the Security Council called upon Israel “to refrain in the future from any such acts or threats thereof”. In this regard, the States members of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations recall the importance of resolution [487 \(1981\)](#), including the relevant mandate of the Secretary-General referenced therein.

The timeless nature of the General Assembly condemnation of any such attack by Israel and the unequivocal warning of the Security Council to Israel against the repetition of such attacks in future evidence the gravity of the situation, as well as the deleterious impacts and threats that Israeli attacks against nuclear facilities pose, not only to international peace and security, but also to the very purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. This clearly demonstrates, inter alia, the continued concern of the international community regarding the unlawful acts of Israel against nuclear facilities.

The continuation of Israeli attacks against nuclear facilities signifies the persistence of an acute challenge that, if not effectively addressed, would result in a de facto normalization of its policy and practice of perpetrating attacks against peaceful nuclear facilities, while continuing to endanger the very IAEA regime and undermining the rule of law, particularly at the international level. Thus, our grouping highlights the need to reject and condemn such deliberate and blatant use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran and its peaceful nuclear facilities.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 84, and of the Security Council.

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**Annex I to the letter dated 21 July 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of
Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Special communiqué on the recent heinous attack of Israel against
the Islamic Republic of Iran**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations categorically condemns and denounces in the strongest possible terms the wanton, unprovoked and premeditated heinous attack of Israel against the Islamic Republic of Iran, perpetrated on 13 June 2025, whereby a series of coordinated widescale attacks, including airstrikes, were conducted against multiple locations in Iran, resulting, among others, in the killing and injury of dozens of civilians, including women and children, as well as Iranian scientists, university professors and high-ranking military officials, including the Commanders of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, some of them along with the members of their family while in their residence.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations strongly condemn such deliberate attacks of Israel, which has been carried out against civilians, as well as civilian populated areas, where millions of civilians reside. They stress that the persistent, systematic and widespread targeting of women and children, infliction of grievous bodily harm and leveling military attacks on residential area, civilian objects and properties by Israel throughout its criminal acts in the region, including its recent attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran, puts in evidence, yet again, the total disregard of Israel to any law or norm and the *mens rea* in committing brutal crimes.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations condemns the deliberate targeting of Iranian senior officials and scientists, and further denounces the Israeli targeting of Natanz nuclear facility, as one of Iran's sites which operates under the full scope safeguards and monitoring of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It expresses its serious concerns that such brutal attacks and damages resulting therefrom pose formidable risks of release of radioactive material, representing severe threats to civilian population and the environment, while further expressing concern that the Israeli attacks continue to endanger the safety and security of civil aviation in the region.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations stress that this reprehensible attack constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the fundamental principles of international law, including sovereignty, territorial integrity and the prohibition of threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of States, international human rights law, while grossly violates the fundamental rights, in particular the right to life and the right to health. *A fortiori*, these heinous attacks are stark violation of article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations, amongst others.
5. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations cautions against the acquiescence and omission of the United Nations and the international community in the face of such persistent brutal attacks of Israel in the region and recalls that inaction and failure to act against such gross violations of Israel would erode the rule of law at the international level and undermine the credibility of the multilateral system, while normalizing its further commission of egregious crimes.
6. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations highlight that such blatant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and brutal attacks by Israel, which constitute serious threats to the regional

and international peace and security, must be condemned unequivocally by all. In this regard, they underline that double-standards and selectivity in upholding the principles of international law, including the prohibition of threat or use of force, would corrode the integrity and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, setting a dangerous precedence for lawlessness.

7. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, in this context, also highlights the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in upholding the very purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, by rejecting such deliberate and blatant use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as that of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in promoting the safety and security of nuclear facilities and preserving the integrity of the IAEA's mandate by denouncing the Israeli attacks and attempts against the Iranian peaceful nuclear facilities.

8. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations express their serious concern at the continued crimes committed by Israel to ignite and explode the Middle East region, as demonstrated, among others, by its reiterated gross violations of international law, coupled with its provocations and violations against countries in the region, which demonstrates its intent to escalate tensions on the ground and its responsibilities for the consequences thereof.

9. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations recalls the obligations of States under international law to refrain from any willful aid or assistance to Israel in its brutal commission of such heinous crimes against the Islamic Republic of Iran and any other nations in the region, while highlighting the inherent right of the Islamic Republic of Iran to self-defense under international law, as well as the pressing need for international community to hold Israel accountable for all its crimes against the Palestinian People and the region as a whole.

10. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations express their unwavering solidarity with the People and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran – a fellow and founding member of our grouping – and further express their condolences to the families of those who lost their lives at these recent heinous attacks.

New York, 14 June 2025

**Annex II to the letter dated 21 July 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of
Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Special communiqué on the heinous attack of the United States of
America against the Islamic Republic of Iran and its peaceful
nuclear facilities**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations categorically condemns and denounces in the strongest possible terms the latest unprovoked and premeditated heinous attack against the Islamic Republic of Iran, perpetrated on 22 June 2025, whereby a series of airstrikes were conducted by the United States of America against the Fordow, Isfahan and Natanz nuclear facilities.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations emphasize that these airstrikes, on the one hand, represent a deliberate violation of the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran and constitute a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the most basic principles of international law, including the prohibition of threat or use of force, and, on the other one, that they constitute a blatant violation of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the protection entailed to peaceful nuclear sites, particularly those under safeguards of and monitoring by the IAEA.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations firmly rejects the irresponsible escalation of the situation on the ground by the United States, in coordination with Israel, mindful of the potential consequences for regional and international peace and security, and calls on both the United States of America and Israel to immediately end the threats and use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, in this context, both condemn and denounce the attack of the United States of America against the Iranian peaceful nuclear facilities located in Fordow, Isfahan and Natanz, while highlighting the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the IAEA to reject and condemn such deliberate and blatant use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran, so as to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, to promote the safety and security of peaceful nuclear facilities and to preserve the integrity of the IAEA's mandate.
5. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, while reaffirming the Special Communiqué issued on 14 June 2025, renews its unwavering solidarity with the People and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran – a fellow and founding member of the grouping – in the midst of the ongoing hostilities and heinous attacks against its sovereignty.

New York, 23 June 2025