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Identical letters dated 8 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

After noon today, Sunday, 7 December 2014, Israel committed yet another criminal aggression against the territory and sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic. Israeli warplanes bombed two civilian areas of Rif Dimashq, namely, Dimas and Damascus airport. This blatant aggression resulted in material damage to some facilities.

As was the case in previous incidents, this aggression is part of a systematic policy that is being pursued by Israel to cover up the various types of support it provides to armed terrorist groups, a dangerous practice against which Syria has warned. Israel has also been assisting terrorists and various organizations affiliated with Al-Qaida, particularly after the forces of the Syrian Arab Army made significant gains in Dayr al-Zawr, Aleppo, Dar'a and other areas.

This aggression is also meant to cover up internal Israeli divisions and draw attention away from the collapse of the Israeli coalition Government and Israel's extreme policies, particularly its continued occupation of Arab territory and its ongoing violation of international law and General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

The Syrian Arab Republic affirms that this aggression proves that Israel, along with certain well known Western State and States of the region, provides direct support to terrorists and their organizations in Syria, with a view to raising the morale of such organizations, at the forefront of which are the Nusrah Front, Al-Qaida's arm in the Levant, and the terrorist organization the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, particularly after the successive defeats that those terrorist organizations suffered at the hands of the Syrian Arab Army.



The Syrian Arab Republic affirms that such aggressions will not stop it from fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations across the entire territory of Syria, and warns of the recklessness of Israel's aggressions and the threat they pose to regional and international security. At the same time, the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the international community and the Security Council to shoulder their responsibility and forcefully condemn this brutal attack and to cease covering it up under any pretext. Syria also calls for the imposition of stern sanctions against Israel, which has made no secret of its policy of supporting terrorism and its true intentions regarding Syria, and requests that all measures prescribed under the Charter of the United Nations should be taken to prevent Israel from committing such aggressions again.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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