



*In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful*

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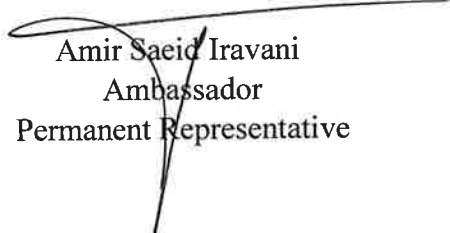
14 January 2026

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in the attachment, a letter dated 14 January 2026 from His Excellency Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to Your Excellency, concerning the recent unrest in Iran and the direct and leading role of the United States and Israel in deliberately inciting violence, as well as in supporting and equipping terrorist and armed groups to turn peaceful protests into political destabilization in Iran.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its attachment circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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

  
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H.E. Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations, New York

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**Excellency,**

I am writing to draw your kind attention to the ISIS-style acts of terrorism and violence that the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran experienced during 8-10 January 2026 across the country. Peaceful protests started from 28 December 2025 on economic grounds were sabotaged by terrorist elements who turned them into armed riots. The recorded cases of beheading, burning people alive, beating police officers and ordinary citizens to death and widespread use of firearms as well as setting ablaze significant number of ambulances, fire machines, health centers and residential, public and worship places constitute a pattern that reflect exploitation of earlier peaceful protests by well-trained terrorist actors. Considerable number of police officers were among those who lost their lives during, while many more were injured. The high casualties reflect the level of self-restraint that was exercised by the law enforcement officers in one hand, and the level of violence that were practiced by terrorist elements against them on the other.

I would further like to raise with deep concern the irresponsible and provocative statements made by the United States' past and present officials who are directly inciting violence and acts of terrorism in Iran. Walking on a track of absolute disrespect for international law, such remarks and the repeating threats on the use of force, constitute a flagrant breach of the principles of international law and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations that prohibits incitement to terror, encouragement of violence and intruding in the internal affairs of sovereign states. The open confession about the presence of the Israeli regime's MOSAD agents among the rioters by the former US Secretary of State is a matter of particular concern. The appalling abuse of peaceful protests for scoring political gains and putting at risk the lives of ordinary citizens by the US officials are totally aligned with the role that the US unlawful unilateral sanctions against Iranians' rights to life

and development played in the creation of the present situation in the first place. The deceitful claims by the same US officials for supporting Iranian's human rights are, therefore, nothing but disgraceful. The massive rally held across Iran on Monday 12 January 2026 objecting foreign interventions should have sent a clear message on the will and determination of the overwhelming majority of Iranians on their support for national unity and respect for law and order.


I would also like to underscore the fact that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran cognizant of its human rights commitments including the right to peaceful protests has made all possible measures to exercise maximum restraint in the face of violence and acts of terrorism, while carrying out its intrinsic obligations with regard to protecting its people and ensuring public order and national security.

I avail this opportunity and call for the unequivocal condemnation and rejection of all acts of terrorism committed during the unrests regardless of the incentives as well as the external interventions and incitements against sovereignty, territorial integrity and vital national interests of the government and people of Iran.

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

**Seyed Abbas Araghchi**

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**



H. E Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the U.N.

cc:

Excellencies, the Foreign Ministers of the UN Member States

H.E. Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights