



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

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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 8 April 2026 from H.E. Mr. Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to the Secretary-General and the members of the Security Council, as well as to the Director-General of the World Health Organization, concerning the deliberate and unlawful attacks and heinous crimes perpetrated by the aggressors—the United States and the Israeli regime—through the intentional targeting of medical, pharmaceutical and biological facilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

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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Excellency,

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention yet another outcome of the ongoing aggression by the United States and the Israeli regimes against my country. Since 28 February, the aggressors have attacked 25 medical, pharmaceutical and biological facilities in Iran. These facilities are exclusively dedicated to the production of essential medicines, vaccine research and development, patient care, and peaceful biotechnology activities aimed at safeguarding public health.

These deliberate attacks against civilian infrastructure amount to act of state terrorism and constitute a war crime, a clear violation of Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as a breach of the applicable rules of international humanitarian law, including the principles of distinction, proportionality, and the obligation to protect civilian objects indispensable to the survival and well-being of the population.

The targeting of the said facilities entails particularly grave and far-reaching consequences. Damage to such facilities risks the release of hazardous agents, disruption of critical healthcare services, and the potential spread of infectious diseases. In an interconnected global environment, these consequences are not confined to national borders and may have serious regional and international ramifications.

These barbaric acts are also fundamentally inconsistent with the object and purpose of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), which seeks to promote exclusive use of biological agents for peaceful purposes. Additionally, attacks against infrastructure dedicated to peaceful biological activities undermine international cooperation under Article X of the Convention and erode confidence among States Parties.

The Islamic Republic of Iran underscores that the protection of biological, medical, and pharmaceutical facilities must be regarded as an essential component of the international legal framework governing biosecurity. Any action that jeopardizes the security of such facilities constitutes a dangerous act of war crime and State terrorism. In light of the foregoing, the Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon the United Nations, including the Security Council, to assume its responsibilities



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under the Charter and to address these unlawful acts with the seriousness they warrant. The Council must take appropriate measures to condemn such acts, prevent their recurrence, and uphold the principles of international law.

The Islamic Republic of Iran also stresses the necessity of ensuring accountability for violations of international law in this context. Failure to respond adequately to such acts would not only undermine the credibility of the international legal order but also embolden the perpetrators to further violations with potentially catastrophic consequences.

Iran further calls upon States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention, as well as its Implementation Support Unit, to consider this matter within the framework of the Convention and to take necessary steps to reinforce the protection of facilities dedicated to peaceful biological activities. This may include the development of appropriate commitments aimed at preventing attacks against such infrastructure.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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

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