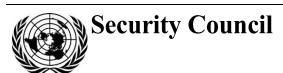
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Letter dated 14 June 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you with regard to the letter dated 13 June 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2019/489) wherein, as a standard practice, he has accused my country of violating certain resolutions of the Security Council.

There is no doubt that such an unfounded allegation, which I hereby categorically reject, aims at justifying the five-year-old aggression of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against Yemen as well as covering up its atrocities in committing international crimes therein, including the killing of innocent civilians, particularly women and children, targeting critical infrastructures of that country, in particular water and electricity systems, attacking public and civilian places such as markets, mosques, hospitals and schools, as well as imposing the severest blockade and the use of starvation as a method of war. All of the above-mentioned are gross violations of the basic principles and norms of international law, in particular international humanitarian law, and entail the international responsibility of the concerned officials of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Recalling the implementation of relevant resolutions of the Security Council by the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to stress the need for the international community to live up to its responsibility in preventing the systematic material breach of international humanitarian law by Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

It would be highly appreciated if you could have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eshagh Al Habib Ambassador Chargé d'affaires a.i.



