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Identical letters dated 1 November 2021 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.

Two days ago, the Turkish Parliament adopted a resolution renewing the so-called mandate given to the President of the Turkish regime, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, to send military forces into Iraq and Syria for two years.

The Government of my country, the Syrian Arab Republic, condemns in the strongest terms the hostile decision taken by the Turkish Parliament. That decision was taken after the President of the Turkish regime, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, submitted a signed letter to Parliament a week ago requesting an extension of the mandate that he was given to send military forces into Syria and Iraq, while intimating that Ankara plans to launch a new military operation in northern Syria.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's policies now pose a direct threat to peace and security in the region and around the world. He continues to launch military attacks against Syrian territory and breach Security Council resolutions concerning the situation in Syria, in all of which the Council calls for the sovereignty, independence and the territorial integrity and unity of the Syrian Arab Republic to be respected.

The Syrian Government reaffirms that lack of action by the Security Council in response to the ongoing Turkish occupation of Syrian Arab Republic territory enables the President of the Turkish regime to continue committing crimes and attacks against Syria and to occupy Syrian territory, pursue policies of imposing fait accompli, demographic change and Turkification, and consolidate occupation in those areas; cut off the waters of the Euphrates River from civilians; support armed terrorist groups, which have been designated as such by the Security Council, in Idlib and the surrounding area; abuse the issue of Syrian refugees in order to coerce and pressure the international community; dispatch foreign terrorist fighters and terrorist mercenaries to Syria and conflict zones in various parts of the world; and undermine prospects for a political solution in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Given the regional and international situation, it is no longer possible to remain silent with regard to the Turkish regime's practices, which threaten international peace and security. Accordingly, the Security Council must exercise its mandate and powers immediately by condemning all the hostile actions that the Turkish regime has taken against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and unity of the Syrian Arab Republic. The Council must also demand that the regime withdraw its



occupying military forces immediately and unconditionally from the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic and respect the independence of the country and not interfere in its internal affairs. Furthermore, the Council must call upon the Turkish regime to stop violating the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, the rules of international law related to respecting the sovereignty of States, not interfering in their affairs and refraining from committing the crime of aggression, and to abide by bilateral agreements governing relations between the two countries and by the Astana understandings.

The Government of my country, the Syrian Arab Republic, reserves its absolute right under the Charter and international law to defend the independence and territorial integrity of Syria and its sovereignty over that entire territory, as well as to take all practical and legal measures to which it is entitled under international law in order to repel Turkish aggression and liberate all Syrian territory. Syria calls upon the international community to hold the Turkish regime accountable for the war crimes and acts of aggression that it has committed against the Syrian Arab Republic and to compel that regime to compensate the Syrian State for all losses caused by its actions against Syrian civilians and infrastructure, public and private property, natural resources and the historical heritage of the Syrian Arab Republic.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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