



SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE RECENT HEINOUS ATTACKS OF ISRAEL AGAINST LEBANON

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations categorically condemns and rejects the premeditated heinous attack of Israel against Lebanon on 27 September 2024, which resulted in the killing of hundreds, including Seyyed Hasan Nasrallah, the Leader of the Hezbollah in Lebanon, as well as of General Abbas Nilforoushan, a high-ranking Iranian official, while leaving hundreds injured, including children.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations stress that this reprehensible attack constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the fundamental principles and norms of international law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and emphasize, in this context, the importance of respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of States, a fundamental principle enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations expresses its serious concern at the continued attempts of Israel, the Occupying Power, to ignite and explode the Middle East region, as demonstrated, among others, by its reiterated gross violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and coupled with its provocations and violations against countries in the region, including the repeated Israeli attacks against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, as they constitute a clear aggression against the territory of a sovereign State and a flagrant violation of the provisions of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, including the Israeli attack against Damascus on 01 and 02 October 2024, which demonstrate its intent to escalate tensions on the ground, at the expense of the human rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the region.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations further expresses its serious concern regarding the threats to use and use of force by Israel against other countries of the region, in particular the recent attempts and incursions of Israel against Lebanon, including the Israeli ground military incursion aiming to continue its genocidal attacks now in Lebanon, and reiterates that such threats and aggressions constitute a serious threat to the international peace and security, while underlining its deep



concern on the daunting humanitarian consequences of such illegal acts of Israel.

5. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations express their unwavering solidarity with the People and Government of both the Lebanese Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran – a fellow and founding member of our grouping–, and further express their condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and extend their fervent wishes for the prompt and full recovery of all those who were left injured in this heinous attack.

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