



**SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ATTACK AGAINST
THE DIPLOMATIC PREMISES OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN DAMASCUS**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations categorically condemns and rejects both the heinous attack perpetrated against the headquarters of the Consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus, which resulted in the killing of at least five individuals, including senior Iranian officials, while completely destroying the diplomatic premises in question, as well as the blatant violation of the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic, a fellow and founding member of our grouping.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations stress that this reprehensible attack represents a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and fundamental principles and norms of international law, as well as of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961), the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (1973), and emphasize the importance of bringing those responsible for this heinous attack to justice, including as part of global efforts to ensure the safety and security of diplomatic and consular missions worldwide, which must in no way be the deliberate targets of violence, including in the form of airstrikes.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, once again, cautions against such irresponsible attempts to escalate tensions on the ground, mindful of the catastrophic effect that a spill-over effect of the ongoing carnage in the Gaza Strip may have in the entire Middle East region.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations express their unwavering solidarity with the People and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran – a fellow and founding member of our grouping – and convey their deep condolences to the families of all victims of this repudiable attack, while making vows for the prompt recovery of all those who were left injured.

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