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抜粋**Mr. Kanu** (Sierra Leone): ...

We are concerned to note that, less than 24 hours ago, the United States of America struck nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Earlier that day, the State of Israel launched further strikes on the Isfahan complex. Iran also responded with missile launches at Israel. We take note of Director General Grossi's briefing on the off-site radiation in the nuclear facilities hit by the strikes. The events, however, heighten the risk of radiological disaster and increase civilian suffering.

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The use of force is among the most serious matters before the Council. Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter obliges all Member States to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State. In this instance, we note with concern that the strikes were conducted without Council authorization, nor was there a clear invocation of the right of self-defence under Article 51 in response to or an imminent armed attack.

As we approach the eightieth anniversary of the Charter, born of a collective resolve to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, we are witnessing actions that undermine its promise. These attacks starkly contrast with the spirit of collective security envisioned in San Francisco. We underscore that collective security remains the bedrock of the rules-based international order and call for strict and consistent adherence to the United Nations Charter.

The targeting of nuclear facilities heightens our concerns. International humanitarian law requires particular caution regarding such sites owing to the potential for grave humanitarian and environmental harm. The IAEA has repeatedly affirmed that attacks or threats against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes violate the Charter, the IAEA statute and international law.

We therefore stress the critical importance of upholding the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the cornerstone of the global non-proliferation and disarmament architecture. The NPT prevents nuclear weapons proliferation and provides a framework for addressing concerns related to peaceful nuclear energy. Actions outside that framework risk undermining the treaty's authority and effectiveness. We urge all parties to utilize the NPT mechanisms, including through the IAEA, to address legitimate concerns and avoid measures that weaken that vital instrument of international peace and security.

We took note of Iran's recent letter of 21 June 2025 (S/2025/404), Israel's communications citing self-defence and the joint letter from France, Germany and the United Kingdom (S/2025/358). Those underline the mounting claims and counterclaims, reinforcing the Council's duty to uphold the Charter.

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Ms. Shea (United States of America): ...

Last evening, United States military strikes targeted nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan, with the aim of dismantling Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity and stopping the nuclear threat posed by the world's foremost State sponsor of terror. That operation sought to eliminate a long-standing but rapidly escalating source of global insecurity and to aid our ally Israel in our inherent right of collective self-defence, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations.

For 40 years, the Iranian Government has called for death to America and death to Israel and posed a constant menace to the peace and security of its neighbours, the United States and the entire world. Iran has attacked Israel with hundreds of ballistic missiles and through terrorist proxies. For decades, Iran has been responsible for misery and countless deaths across the Middle East. Iran's Government and its proxies have also killed numerous Americans, including American service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. In recent weeks, Iranian officials have intensified their hostile bluster and rhetoric. Iran has long obfuscated regarding its nuclear weapons programme and stonewalled good-faith efforts in recent negotiations.

The time finally came for the United States, in defence of its ally and in defence of its own citizens and interests, to act decisively. The Iranian regime cannot have a nuclear weapon. ...

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The representative of a Member State here today cast aspersions about hypocrisy and raised the issue of the forthcoming meeting on resolution 2231 (2015). In that regard, I would point out that the recent International Atomic Energy Agency report on verification and monitoring of Iran's non-compliance with obligatory nuclear safeguards shows clearly that Iran has been continuing to accelerate its nuclear activities without any credible civilian justification. ...

Mr. Ahmad (Pakistan): ...

From the outset, Pakistan has adopted a principled position on those developments — a position based entirely on international law and the Charter of the United Nations. We have thus strongly and unambiguously condemned the Israeli aggression, expressed solidarity with Iran and full support for its inherent and legitimate right to self-defence, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations; denounced the unlawful unilateral Israeli strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities subject to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards; called for an end to be brought to that aggression; and advocated a cessation of hostilities and a reversion to dialogue and diplomacy for a peaceful lasting settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue. ...

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... As the body entrusted with primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, the Security Council must act urgently and decisively. We share a collective responsibility to proceed as follows:

First, we must unequivocally reject and condemn the attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran since 13 June as being in clear contravention of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. The threat or use of force must never be condoned. Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter is crystal clear in that regard, as is Article 51.

Secondly, we must denounce the attacks on IAEA-safeguarded nuclear facilities, which violate Security Council and IAEA resolutions and international humanitarian law.

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Mr. Iravani (Islamic Republic of Iran): ...

Today, another stain was recorded in the political history of the United States. After the illegitimate Israeli regime failed to do the West's dirty work, Trump was forced, in the early hours of Sunday, 22 June 2025, to personally carry out the most sordid part of that vile agenda.

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Even now, Iran reserves its full and legitimate right, under international law, to defend itself against this blatant United States aggression and its Israeli proxy. The timing, nature and scale of Iran's proportionate response will be decided by its armed forces.

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Over the past 10 days of Israel's barbaric assault, international bodies — including the Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) — have been provided with all the necessary information and warnings. Yet, they have proven once again that the so-called eight-decade-long quest to prevent war and aggression is hollow and powerless in practice.

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The United States, a permanent member of the Council, the depository of the NPT and the only State that has ever used nuclear weapons, murdering millions in two cities, has now once again resorted to illegal force and waged a war against my country, under the fabricated and absurd pretext of preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. What a bitter and tragic irony!

This United States and Israeli regime aggression is a clear and flagrant breach of international law. It breaches the peremptory norm on the prohibition of aggression and the very fundamental principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter — namely Article 2, paragraph 4, which categorically prohibits the threat or use of force against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of any Member State. This illegal act also violates the Charter, the statute of the IAEA, relevant resolutions of the Agency's General Conference, resolutions 487 (1981) and 2231 (2015) and the NPT itself.

While the representative of the United States continues to make baseless accusations against Iran, the international community is well aware of the well-documented and dark record of military interventions, illegal use of force against other sovereign States and sponsorship of terrorism by the United States in the Middle East and across the world. The facts speak for themselves: all United States allegations against Iran are unfounded, have no legal basis and are politically motivated.

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For more than two decades, Israel, an outlaw, nuclear-armed regime that refuses to join the NPT in spite of resolution 487 (1981), has promoted the deceitful and false narrative that Iran is on the cusp of acquiring a nuclear weapon. While there has not been even one shred of evidence to substantiate such baseless allegations, Iran's consistent diplomatic engagement in good faith, leading to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and its full compliance with the commitments therein and with resolution 2231 (2015) demonstrate the very peaceful nature of its nuclear programme. Iran is acting within its inherent and lawful right of self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. We will take all measures deemed necessary at our disposal to protect our people, sovereignty, territorial integrity, national and vital interests and peaceful nuclear programme, in accordance with international law.

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The Security Council should immediately act under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter to redress this injustice and these gross violations by strongly condemning the blatant aggressions, violations and heinous crimes committed against the Islamic Republic of Iran; adopting effective enforcement actions against the aggressors; holding the United States and the Israeli regime fully accountable; and placing Israeli nuclear facilities under Agency safeguards.

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Mr. Danon (Israel): ...

Last night, history changed. The United States of America struck Iran's nuclear sites at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan. The United States, the leader of the free world, removed the greatest existential threat facing the free world. Just like our Operation Rising Lion, this was not a war of choice. This action was a necessity. It was a righteous act for the United States, for Israel, for the Middle East and for the world. Therefore, the entire world should express its thanks on record today, here and now. It should thank the United States for removing the greatest threat to global security. It should thank President Trump for acting when so many hesitated, and for protecting the free world with strength and with moral clarity.

Now, some come here to denounce the United States and Israel. Let me, then, ask them: where were they? Where were they when Iran was racing towards the bomb? Where were they when it was enriching uranium far beyond the point of civilian usage and burying an entire fortress beneath a mountain to prepare for our extermination? Where were they when Iran turned negotiation into theatre and deceit into strategy? They were silent. They were complicit. They were afraid. They were bystanders. Months ago, I sat before the Council and called for a coalition of the courageous (see S/PV.9787). I called for a coalition with the moral clarity and strength to confront the greatest threat that our world has seen since the Second World War. Last night, the leader of the free world acted with that courage. The United States acted not just for itself but for every nation that values freedom over radicalism, for every nation whose children deserve to grow up without the shadow of a nuclear disaster hanging over their heads. Now the world must follow suit.

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The regime's goal was never peaceful energy; its goal was death and destruction. Its nuclear programme was not a diplomatic puzzle; it was a loaded gun pointed at the heart of the international system and the stability of the world. To those who now feign concern and cry escalation, we say that this is what the last line of defence looks like when every other line has failed. Make no mistake: the cost of inaction would have been catastrophic. A nuclear Iran would have been a death sentence, just as much for everyone as it would have been for us.

While Iran fired rockets at synagogues, schools and homes, the United States acted with precision, as Israel does. Israel's targets are not cities. They are not civilians. They are not homes or schools. They are ballistic missile launchers and nuclear sites. That is the moral difference between us and them. They seek chaos; we seek order. They build weapons to destroy the world; we build partnerships to protect it.

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