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*On the occasion of  
“Third Anniversary of Martyrdom of  
Lieutenant General Qasim Soleymani”*

All nations have their national heroes. Some heroes are beyond the political borders. They fight for defending human values and preserving peace and stability regardless of national, political, ethnic, or religious considerations. They devote themselves to defending humanity. Martyr Soleimani is one the most concrete examples of a world hero. Many people in the region found him a real savior in the most serious threatening situations imposed by ISIS and other terrorist and violent groups.

Due to the serious threats of those terrorist groups to the whole world, the international community is indebted to the sacrifice and real struggle of martyr Soleimani and all those who fought against this sinister terrorism. If Gen. Soleimani and his warriors had not recklessly resisted in the battleground against ISIS, the entire region could have been invaded by ISIS criminals and affect seriously the other parts of the world.

The Islamic Republic of Iran will always consider the US’s heinous terrorist operation leading up to the martyrdom of Gen. Soleymani, and the high-ranking Iraqi commander " Martyr Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis" and their accompanying persons as a crime against humanity and an act of terror. This heinous terrorist act blatantly



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breached internationally recognized laws and principles. This US vicious terrorist act once again proves the destructive role of this regime in destabilizing the region.

The Iranians will forever honor the memory of Martyr Soleimani and his comrades and will never forgive the perpetrators of this heinous crime.