



*Mission Permanente
de la République Islamique d'Iran
auprès des Nations Unies
et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève*

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and with reference to the United States Note Verbale No. 19-20 dated 29 June 2020 addressed to the Secretariat on the membership of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Bureau of the 67th session of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and, has the honor to state the following in exercise of its right of reply.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers membership of the Bureau as the sovereign right of all UN Member States and the expression of concern by the United States, as one Member State from another regional group, over the membership of Iran from the Asia-Pacific Group in the Bureau is unwarranted, unprofessional and politically motivated. In addition, UNCTAD as a trade and development related body of the United Nations system should be able to freely benefit from the expertise and contributions of all Member States in discharging its mandate. Any unreasonable attempt from any country to hamper the collective endeavor of Member States, which undermines the ability of UNCTAD to fulfill its mandate, is counted as a sign of unilateralism with dire consequences for multilateralism, rule of international law and international cooperation. It is manifested in the form of unilateral coercive measures in defiance of international law and withdrawal from international organizations and multilateral treaties. Radical unilateralism continues to adversely affect the multilateral trading system and the process of development across the globe, as well. It is unfortunate that such policies and measures are being pursued while the international community is in urgent need for solidarity and cooperation in order to overcome the devastating impacts of Covid-19 pandemic.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran requests the Secretariat of UNCTAD to post this Note Verbale in its website next to the uploaded Note Verbale of the United State for the kind attention of all Member States.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the UNCTAD the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 8 July 2020



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