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REMARKS ON A RUSSIAN
FEDERATION DRAFTED UN
SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ON THE
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE
EAST

By **UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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Colleagues, the Russian Federation knew it did not have the votes to adopt its resolution today, yet it insisted on proceeding to a vote.

Once again, Russia is acting here at the Security Council to protect its partner, Iran.

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We reject Russia's attempt to conflate lawful U.S. actions taken in line with Article 51 of the UN Charter – to conflate those actions with Iran's pattern of bloodshed and brutality to its own people and around the world, and with its recent deliberate and at scale targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure across the Gulf and the Middle East.

The United States will continue to work, here at this Council and beyond, to hold the Iranian regime to account and to bring to light its destabilizing and unlawful actions. Russia's attempts to prevent this Council from acting in line with its core principles will not deter us.

I thank you.

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