

In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names that was held from 28 to 2 May 2025 in New York and in this connection, upon the instructions of my Government, I would like to underline the following:

The name Persian Gulf is inextricably rooted in history; its wide acceptance by all and usage throughout history is undeniably self-evident, and ubiquitously known to all; as a unique name, it has been mentioned in and evinced by countless maps, documents, books, travelogues, scripts, and correspondence in various languages traced back to thousands of years ago. That being said, as has been recognized throughout history, reaffirmed by the United Nations system, and used by different nations since the dawn of history to the present day, the name Persian Gulf, irrefutably and without any shadow of doubt, is the only true designation for the body of water between the Iranian plateau and the Arabian Peninsula. In light of the foregoing, we reiterate the importance of adherence to the norms and arrangements related to the protection and preservation of historical geographical names which requires due respect to and preservation of the name Persian Gulf.

I would like to kindly request that the present note be circulated under agenda item 19(i) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and be placed on the official website of the abovementioned meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) under agenda item 8(a).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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