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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour and the sad duty to inform you that the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) in Bonn reported that on Friday, 13 March 1987, yet another Iranian combatant, wounded by Iraqi chemical weapons at the war fronts, succumbed to his injuries in a hospital in Recklenbhausen, West Germany.

The victim, Hassan Ali Ashraf, along with a group of other chemically wounded combatants, had been sent to West Germany for further medical treatments several months ago.

The Iraqi régime, trampling all international conventions, has repeatedly deployed chemical weapons against Iranian combatants in the battlefields. Despite the continued use of poisonous gases by the Ba'athist régime of Iraq over the past few years, the Security Council has failed to discharge its constitutional duties vis-à-vis the Iraqi policy of total disregard for the Geneva Protocol of 1925. When political considerations predominate an international organ, the very *raison d'être* of the organ becomes its immediate victim.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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