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On instructions from my Government and with reference to the Secretary-General's report to the Security Council on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for the period 23 September 1989 to 22 March 1990 (S/21200), I have the honour to make the following comments concerning the contents of certain of the paragraphs contained in it.

1. On 20 October 1988, the competent Iraqi authorities notified UNIIMOG of their agreement to the opening of the three crossing points referred to in paragraph 14 of the report. In the same paragraph, a general observation is made to the effect that "there has been no progress" in the matter of the opening of the crossing points, which misrepresents Iraq's position on this question, whereas the fact is that the Iranian side was the one that did not agree to the opening of those crossing points in order to facilitate the movement of UNIIMOG personnel and vehicles on both sides of the cease-fire line.
2. The same is the case with regard to paragraph 20 of the report, inasmuch as the competent authorities notified UNIIMOG on 25 March 1989 of Iraq's agreement to the establishment of the mixed military working group, while Iran was the one which obstructed the meeting of this group.
3. In paragraph 21, it is stated that "the lack of freedom of movement allowed to UNIIMOG personnel in some locations on both sides continues to be a problem". Here too the expression is formulated generally and does not identify the party which is placing obstacles in the way of the freedom of movement of personnel in the locations. Iraq notified UNIIMOG on 29 July 1989 of its agreement to freedom of movement of personnel in the locations in question, while Iran did not agree to that.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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