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ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

Letter dated 20 October 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Iran launched a large-scale military attack against Iraq in the northern sector with the apparent aim of penetrating Iraq's sovereign territory and occupying the town of Penjween in the said sector.

On this occasion, I should like to point out that, while the Iraqi military forces are engaged now in repelling this latest flagrant act of aggression and destroying the invading forces, the Government of the Republic of Iraq reserves its right to strike at the Iranian aggressor wherever necessary in order to defend the sovereignty, security and vital interests of Iraq, and to make the Iranian aggressor understand that its futile attempts and persistence in prolonging the war against the will of the Security Council and the international community would not lead to the achievement of its sinister aims.

It would be highly appreciated if you would kindly circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 138, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative