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Letter dated 29 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and subsequent to my letter dated 28 November 1983 (A/38/616-S/16186), I have the honour to refer to the letters addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 3 November (S/16129), 9 November (S/16139) and 16 November 1983 (S/16154), which allege that Iraq is using chemical weapons against targets in Iran.

My Government categorically rejects these Iranian allegations, which constitute an ignominious manoeuvre aimed at diverting the eyes of the international community from the fact of the Iranian Government's refusal to halt its war of aggression against Iraq and its rejection of the Security Council resolutions calling for the establishment of peace.

My Government wishes to state its rejection of any response to the Iranian allegations, through the dispatch of either a representative or an expert or a team of experts, and confirms most emphatically to you and to all the parties concerned that it is directing its efforts towards the halting of the war or, at the very least, towards the implementation of Security Council resolution 540 (1983), which calls for the adoption of clearly defined measures, rather than getting involved with Iranian diversion and procrastination tactics aimed at disengagement from international obligations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 138, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative