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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1984 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the message of  
His Excellency Ali Akbar Velayati, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

(Signed) Fereidoun D. KAMALI  
Chargé d'affaires

Annex

Text of the message of H.E. Ali Akbar Velayati, Foreign Minister  
of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Despite the indifference and lack of concern of the United Nations towards the imposed war by Iraq upon the Islamic Republic of Iran, considering that one of the main purposes of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security and to take effective measures for the suppression of the acts of aggression, the Islamic Republic of Iran deems it necessary to inform Your Excellency about the recent developments of the imposed war. In spite of the one-sided decisions by the Security Council in the past, the Islamic Republic of Iran requests you to inform the Security Council as well of the following:

We have been informed that the criminal régime of Iraq, in order to deviate world public opinion from its crimes of missile attacks and bombardment of the civilian and non-military areas and defenceless cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has embarked on false and fictitious propaganda and has recently sent letters to the United Nations falsely alleging that the Islamic Republic of Iran bombarded some cities in Iraq.

As you have been informed, on Wednesday, 1 February 1984 the Iraqi régime announced that in retaliation to the above-mentioned false accusation it will attack seven Iranian cities by missile and air raids. As we have repeatedly informed the United Nations previously, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again deems it necessary to reiterate that Iranian Armed Forces have never attacked the residential and civilian targets of Iraq. However, from the beginning of this imposed war the criminal régime of Iraq, contrary to all international and humanitarian norms, has constantly attacked the non-military, residential and civilian areas of Iran by air raids and missiles. The Secretary-General's report (S/15834) and the International Red Cross Committee statement No. 1479 dated 15 December 1983 confirm the above-mentioned facts.

Your Excellency is aware and the Security Council of the United Nations is also aware, with its distinctly pro-Iraqi stance, that, despite the fact that several Iraqi cities are well within the range of Iranian shelling range, the Islamic Republic of Iran has never attacked residential and civilian areas in Iraq. Had the Islamic Republic of Iran reciprocated such inhuman deeds, the outcome of the war would have already been decided.

While categorically rejecting the baseless allegations of the criminal régime of Iraq concerning the bombardment of Iraqi cities by the Iranian forces, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran once again requests the Secretary-General to dispatch a fact-finding mission to the war-stricken areas of both countries to investigate violations of international humanitarian laws and update the previous report (S/15834).

The Islamic Republic of Iran respectfully draws the attention of Your Excellency to the fact that, should the Iraqi régime, due to the indifference and irresponsible attitude of the United Nations and in order to justify its

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baseless allegations, carry out its threats and strike defenceless Iranian cities, the responsibility for the consequences of such inhuman attacks will not only rest with the Iraqi régime, but also with the United Nations.

Should in any case these threats be realized, the Islamic Republic of Iran reserves the right to fulfil its responsibilities in defending Iranian cities and protecting its people and vital interests through all possible means. In this connection, it is obvious that the responsibility for the possible escalation of war in this region of the world and its consequences rests on the Ba'athist régime of Iraq and the United Nations.

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