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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Letter dated 30 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the
Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the increasing propaganda by western media groups concerning the kidnapping of the Americans in Lebanon, followed by the news of the United States Administration's threat to attack certain areas within the Islamic Republic of Iran, which was never denied by the Reagan Administration, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following points made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

As previously stated in reply to similar threats from Robert MacFarlane, the National Security Adviser of the United States, as well as from other authorities, the problem of the United States in Lebanon and that of the kidnapping of a few American citizens in Beirut are rooted in the interventionist and aggressive foreign policy practised by the United States in various parts of the world. The enhanced consciousness of the people of the Middle East has contributed to the increasing resistance and struggle on the part of these people in the face of United States aggression.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically denies the baseless allegation manufactured by the United States Government regarding the involvement of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the kidnappings and other events taking place in Lebanon. The reason for fabrication of such allegations can be better understood in the light of the recent exposure of CIA-engineered activities in Lebanon,

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including its involvement in the explosion in front of the Beir-El-Ebad Mosque in Beirut which killed and injured more than 400 innocent bystanders. Faced with domestic and international outrage, the United States finds no alternative but to fabricate allegations in order to cover up its illegitimate and murderous policies in the region. Such allegations are also aimed at preparing the world public opinion for still more dangerous and more criminal policies that the United States Government is planning to carry out in the region.

The Islamic Republic of Iran vehemently rejects the allegation concerning the transfer of the kidnapped Americans to Iran, and considers this misinformation campaign and the threats of retaliatory action against Lebanese and Iranian cities to be attempts in vain to break the steadfast determination of the Islamic Republic of Iran and other progressive nations in the area in their struggle against imperialism, zionism and hegemony. We announce that any such adventurist policies against the Islamic Republic of Iran or the rest of the region will not solve the structural problems of the United States in the area, and will be faced with a severe response from the Muslim people of Iran as well as all Muslims throughout the world; and the United States will be responsible for such consequences.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were distributed as a document of the General Assembly under item 135 of the preliminary list.

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