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The Secretary-General has received the following communication which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

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1. In January 1990, a United Nations Special Representative travelled for the first time to Iran. The report later produced by him became a cause for concern by our organization and many other non-governmental organizations, human rights bodies and political parties around the world. Immediately after the publication of this report in February, a team of experts and researchers of the Iranian Resistance, under the supervision of the late Dr. Kazem Rajavi, began to prepare a detailed reply to this report. "Human Rights Betrayed" is the result of that research. Dr. Rajavi was assassinated on 24 April 1990, near his home outside Geneva, according to the Swiss judicial authorities by agents of the Iranian régime; the book was completed by the secretariat of the National Council of Resistance of Iran and under the supervision of Dr. Massoud Bani Sadr.

2. A relentless and sincere advocate of human rights, Dr. Rajavi, Professor of Law at Geneva University and former Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations, actively endeavoured to describe the ordeal and the suffering

of his people to the Commission on Human Rights and other international bodies, and urge them to monitor the human rights situation in Iran. He was truly a great martyr for the cause of human rights.

3. We believe that the book "Human Rights Betrayed", compiled by the prime victims of the violation of human rights in Iran, provides an objective, impartial and documented reply to the Special Representative's report.

4. We therefore submit this book for the attention of the Sub-Commission so that all its members and related bodies will be able to get a sound and proper view of the situation of human rights in Iran and pass their own careful judgement.
