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**LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Pursuant to my letter of 31 December 1985, issued as document S/17706, and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the military forces of the Iranian régime perpetrated a series of treacherous acts of aggression in Iraqi territory against populated urban centres and the civilian population as follows:

1. On 1 January 1986, at 1130 hours local time, two Iranian aircraft crossed international borders and attacked populated areas in the Governorate of Sulaymaniyah, causing the heroic death of two civilians (one of whom was a woman) and wounding four others.
2. On 7 January 1986, at 0800 hours local time, two Iranian aircraft crossed international borders and attacked the community of Zamki and the town of Khurmali, causing the heroic death of one woman and one child and wounding three women, four children and four men among the civilian population. Four dwelling houses were destroyed and a mosque was damaged.
3. On 24 January 1986, at 1130 hours local time, two Iranian aircraft attacked the town of Dirluk, in the province of Ammadiyah, causing the heroic death of five civilians, including four children, and wounding nine others. Three dwelling houses, three shops, five civilian vehicles and a tobacco warehouse were destroyed.
4. On 27 January, at 0800 hours local time, two Iranian aircraft attacked the village of Balikiyani situated in the district of Sadiq, Governorate of Arbil, causing the heroic death of six civilians (four women, one child and one man) and wounding 20 others (including 8 women and 9 children). Four dwelling houses were destroyed and 12 others were damaged.

The fact that the Iranian régime is again perpetrating treacherous acts of aggression of this type, and is escalating them, means that it is preparing to carry out its declared intention of launching a large-scale attack that would endanger Iraq's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and the security of its citizens and armed forces, as was explained recently in the letter

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of 19 December 1985 which was addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, and which was issued as document S/17687. I would inform you in this connection that the Government of the Republic of Iraq reserves the right to avail itself of all possible opportunities and to take any necessary measures to prevent Iranian aggression, in the exercise of its right of self-defence under international law. The Government of the Republic of Iraq feels bound to express to you its firm conviction that the negligence of the United Nations, in particular the fact that the Security Council has not adequately fulfilled the responsibility incumbent on it under the Charter to exert pressure on the Iranian régime so that the latter will cease its continual attacks against Iraq, has been a significant factor in encouraging the Iranian régime to pursue its policy of aggression, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the desires of the international community, which wishes to establish peace.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Iamat KITTANI
Permanent Representative
