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ORIGINAL: ARABICLETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter dated 3 January 1986 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iran and contained in document A/40/1073-S/17715 and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the contents of the above-mentioned letter from the representative of Iran are mere lying allegations having no basis in truth. Their purpose is to pave the way for aggression against Iraq by means of misleading and lying information campaigns whereby the Iranian régime aims at creating confusion in international public opinion in preparation for the launching of its new aggression against Iraq, using the Iranian towns located on the border with Iraq as centres for massing its troops and as a launching pad for its aggression.

My Minister for Foreign Affairs explained to you previously, in his letter dated 19 December 1985, the intentions of the Iranian régime to launch a broad and massive offensive with the aim of occupying Iraqi territory, threatening the sovereignty and national security of Iraq and threatening its people and armed forces, and he informed you that Iranian officials have constantly been announcing these intentions for a number of weeks and boasting of the men and matériel they have massed.

Iraq has more than once warned the international community of the Iranian régime's use of purely civilian centres as centres for the massing of its forces and as launching pads for attacks on Iraq. This is a clear violation of article 28 of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949, which prohibits the use of the presence of protected persons to render certain points or areas immune from military operations and the transformation of such towns into military centres. Consequently, the Iranian régime, by its use of those towns and villages as centres for its troop concentrations exposes them to Iraqi bombardment aimed at the Iranian armed units which stand ready to attack Iraq and to strike at its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, in disdain for Iran's clear commitments under the United Nations Charter and international law.

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The silence of the United Nations and the Security Council in the face of this extraordinary conduct, which is an outrage to the international community, undoubtedly encourages the Iranian régime in its persistence in disregarding the Security Council and disdaining its resolutions and the prestige of this international Organization.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

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