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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that once again the criminal Iraqi régime resorted to the use of internationally banned chemical weapons on 26 January 1986 against my country.

At 12.18 p.m. (local time) on Sunday, 26 January 1986, the Iraqi forces of aggression shelled the Ein-e-Khosh area in the south-west of the Islamic Republic of Iran with chemical artillery in flagrant violation of the rules of international law.

Thanks to the preparedness of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the preventive measures it had accurately forestalled, the Iraqi chemical attack left no human casualties. A grave breach of the 1925 Geneva Protocol, nevertheless, has taken place.

Excellency, first and foremost, we expect you to condemn this latest Iraqi use of chemical weapons. Since the Islamic Republic of Iran responded positively and unconditionally to your appeal to both parties to renew their commitment to the 1925 Geneva Protocol, it is only fair that any written or verbal response that the Iraqi party has given to Your Excellency's appeal be publicized.

And finally, we expect the international community to strongly condemn the continued Iraqi violations of international humanitarian law, particularly the 1925 Geneva Protocol, and to take effective measures to ensure the prevention of further violations by the criminal Ba'athist régime of Iraq.

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

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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