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IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and subsequent to my letter of 12 February 1986 contained in document S/17819, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. Communiqué No. 9 issued by the so-called Khatam al-Anbiy'a headquarters (the joint operations centre of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards and the Army), which was broadcast in Persian by Radio Tehran at 1330 hours local time on 13 February 1986 contained the following:

"Following the Wa-al-Fajr VIII operations and the taking up of position by the heroes of Islam in the Al-Faw area and over tens of kilometres on its coast at Khawr Abd Allah, which constitutes Iraq's only route of access to the Persian Gulf and which is now in the hands of the forces of Islam, the remnants of the enemy's naval force are surrounded in the Umm Qasr area and the severance of the enemy's contact with the Persian Gulf will undoubtedly have a political and economic effect on the region."

2. Radio Tehran broadcast the following in Persian at 0630 hours local time on 12 February 1986:

"Reports say that major installations in the town of Al-Faw have been destroyed by the liberation operations."

3. Communiqué No. 11 issued by the above-mentioned source and broadcast by Radio Tehran in Persian at 1330 hours local time on 13 February 1986 contained the following:

"Forty-five more square kilometres have been liberated from the hands of the Baathist infidels, so that the liberated territory now totals more than 700 square kilometres. Another portion of the Salt Lake has also been liberated."

This information once again categorically affirms the aggressive expansionist nature of the Iranian régime, whose basic aim is launching aggression against Iraq

on 4 September 1980 and persisting in the war of aggression against Iraq for six years has been to annex it as a dependency of Iran. It also reveals the falseness of Iranian statements claiming that Iran has no ambitions in the region.

This situation constitutes a grave threat to peace and security in the region in particular, and, accordingly, it is the imperative duty of the Security Council to assume its responsibilities under the Charter to deter Iranian aggression and to exert serious, concrete and decisive pressure to establish peace through a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement guaranteeing the interest and rights of the two parties in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international laws.

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative
