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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1986 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, issued on 20 February 1986, regarding the conflict between Iran and Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council in connection with the agenda item entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq: Letter dated 12 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17821)".

(Signed) Ljuhomir SEKULIC  
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Deputy Permanent Representative  
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Annex

Statement of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs  
of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, issued  
on 20 February 1986, regarding the conflict between  
Iran and Iraq

We are deeply concerned over the latest renewal of large-scale armed operations and the flaring-up of the Iran-Iraq war which, as has always been the case during this senseless five-year war, has claimed a heavy toll in irretrievable human lives and caused vast material damage to the peoples of these two friendly to us non-aligned countries. We are also worried by the threat to the security of other countries and by the immediate danger for peace in this region.

Ever since the beginning of the war, Yugoslavia has actively striven, either in direct contacts with the two countries or within the activities of the non-aligned countries and the broad international community, for a peaceful solution of the conflict, convinced that it is only through negotiations that its comprehensive, just and lasting solution can be found.

To this effect we continue to support all peaceful initiatives which may lead to the cessation of the bloodshed and to the commencement of negotiations, as well as the actions of all those factors, including the Security Council of the United Nations, which are exerting efforts towards terminating the conflict and ensuring a solution based on the known principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Movement of Non-aligned Countries and the respect for the legitimate rights and interests of both countries.

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