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LETTER DATED 11 MARCH 1986 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION 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 refer to the letter dated 6 March 1986 to you from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations (S/17900), which questioned the treatment of Iraqi prisoners of war and stated that greeting the prisoners in the Iranian cities are not in accordance with the obligations set forth in the Third Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (1949). I wish to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran declares:

1. There have been no actions by the relevant authorities to indicate ill treatment, violence or to instigate curiosity on the part of the people with regard to the prisoners.
2. Due to long distances between the war fronts and the prisoners' camps, it is necessary that during the transfer from the war fronts to the camps the prisoners travel long distances and pass through some cities.
3. All humanitarian and Islamic principles have been observed during the transfer of these prisoners. If Iraq presents any documented evidence regarding the ill treatment of the prisoners, the Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared to agree to any investigation by the representatives of Your Excellency provided that the same investigation take place with regard to the Iranian prisoners of war in Iraq.

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

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