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THE ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN IRAN  
AND IRAQ

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Letter dated 7 August 1986 from the Permanent Representative of  
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the 12 States members of the European Community, the Presidency of which is currently held by the United Kingdom, I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the statement issued by the Twelve on 6 August 1986.

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the attached statement circulated as a document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 46, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. A. THOMSON

ANNEX

Statement on Iran and Iraq made by the twelve States members  
of the European Community on 6 August 1986

The twelve States members of the European Community are very concerned at the recent increase in the number and seriousness of attacks by Iran and Iraq on targets in civilian areas and at the threats by each side to escalate such attacks further. The Twelve urge each Government to exercise maximum restraint and to honour the undertakings given to the United Nations Secretary-General in June 1984 to cease deliberate attacks on civilian targets, as requested most recently in the Secretary-General's statement of 3 July.

The Twelve take this occasion to renew their appeal to both sides to respect Security Council resolution 582 (1985), in particular by a general cessation of hostilities as soon as possible, and to urge both sides to co-operate with the efforts of the Secretary-General in the search for a comprehensive and durable settlement which is acceptable to both sides.

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