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LETTER DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 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 and with reference to the baseless allegations contained in the Iraqi letters of 29 August and 1 September 1986 contained in Security Council documents S/18306 and S/18308 respectively, I have the honour to inform that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically denies the charges made by the Iraqi régime, considering them as a pretext to justify the resumption of Iraqi indiscriminate bombardment of civilian areas; a tactic well-known to the international community. The Islamic Republic of Iran has been forced, in the past - as a matter of last resort - to retaliate against Iraqi economic and industrial quarters in response to Iraqi attacks against purely civilian targets inside the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran draws the attention of the international community to the fact that the mechanism for the investigation of allegations, such as those contained in the above-mentioned documents, is in place in the form of the United Nations experts stationed in Baghdad. The United Nations team is always in a position to inspect the area and witness the fallacious nature of Iraqi allegations. Such a mission will certainly curtail the Iraqi attempt to use such baseless allegations as the pretext for the resumption of savage and illegal policies dictated to it by desperation at the war fronts.

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

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