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LETTER DATED 5 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, I have the honour to bring to your urgent and immediate attention the most recent criminal use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi régime.

On Thursday 4 September 1986 the Iraqi régime resumed its policy of violating the most basic principle of international law by using chemical weapons in Karbala 2 Operations Theatre around the town of Haj Omran. As a result, one person was martyred and seven others injured.

Atrocities committed by the Iraqi criminals - of which the latest resort to illegal chemical warfare is only the most recent manifestation - clearly illustrate that the desperate attempts by the Baghdad rulers to impose an unjust and temporary cease fire upon the Islamic Republic of Iran should not be taken seriously by the international community. The Iraqi Foreign Minister's letter of 1 September 1986 is another such hollow gesture. A régime, which has suggested that the permanent members of the Security Council guarantee the observance of its proposed solution, did not hesitate to use chemical weapons again disregarding the most recent statement of the President of the Security Council. Indeed, actions of the Iraqi régime in its past six years, and not its desperate diplomatic gestures in the recent years, should attract international attention and consideration.

While commending Your Excellency's humanitarian efforts to halt the Iraqi habit of violating rules of international law governing the conduct of hostilities, and while cognizant of the fact that Iraqi rulers have not hesitated to disregard such humanitarian efforts, we request that Your Excellency use the clear mandate given to you by the international community in this regard, in order to prevent the Iraqi régime from continuing its illegal and criminal recourse to chemical warfare. We further call upon the international community to show their commitment and respect for the principles of international law by condemning the war crimes, committed by the rulers in Baghdad, including this latest use of chemical weapons.

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

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