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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Letter dated 30 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative  
of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of decision No. 242 of 21 July 1991, issued by the Revolution Command Council of the Republic of Iraq, concerning a general amnesty for those who have committed the crimes of desertion from and failure to appear for military service and crimes of flight outside the country while on military service.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under item 99 of the provisional agenda

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Decision

Pursuant to the provisions of article 42, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, the Revolution Command Council has decided as follows:

1. A general amnesty shall be accorded to:

(a) Those who have committed the crimes of desertion from or failure to appear for military service and crimes of flight outside the country while on military service. Legal proceedings against them shall be definitively suspended, regardless of whether they are inside Iraq or abroad, with the exception of officers;

(b) Every citizen, official or public servant shall be granted amnesty from any consequence that has devolved or may devolve upon him by reason of his participation in combating or remedying any of the crimes mentioned in this decision. Actions brought for such reason shall be closed and the courts shall be barred from hearing any action brought against those mentioned in connection with any of the acts stipulated in this decision.

2. Any person who has given himself up or been arrested during the period from 21 March 1991 up to the date of the entry into force of this decision shall be covered by the provisions of article 1 (a) of this decision.

3. This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be considered as in effect from the date of its promulgation.

4. The competent ministers shall undertake the implementation of this decision.

Saddam HUSSEIN  
Chairman of the Revolution  
Command Council

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