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OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to my letter dated 22 January 1987 (S/18626) I have the honour to inform you that on 4 February 1987 in Paris, another victim of Iraqi toxic chemical gases, Dr. Mostafa Rostamipour succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom at the Saint-Antoine hospital.

Dr. Rostamipour was wounded by chemical gases deployed by Iraqi forces on 31 December 1986 in the Sumar operational region and had been under treatment for severe burns since 8 January 1987. He had been scheduled to be hospitalized in London but was instead taken to Paris when his plane could not land in London due to bad weather conditions. His martyrdom was confirmed by a professor on the ward during telephone contact with the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA). Another member of the hospital staff also informed IRNA that officials of the French Defence Ministry had banned the release of any information on the late Iranian doctor.

The international community is constantly witness to the consequences of the inhumane crimes of the régime of Iraq and yet no definitive steps are taken to halt such crimes. The Islamic Republic of Iran once again emphasizes the absolute necessity for such steps in order to prevent further violations of the rules of international and humanitarian law; violations which are setting an indeed dangerous historical precedent.

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

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