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**LETTER DATED 2 FEBRUARY 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Upon instructions from my Government, and pursuant to my previous letters, I have the honour and the sad duty to inform that the Iraqi régime - in pursuance of its persistence in murdering innocent civilians - resorted to aerial bombardment of residential quarters in the city of Orumiyyeh, killing 400 innocent civilians and injuring more than 1,000 others. This latest Iraqi war crime occurred on Saturday, 31 January 1987.

Notwithstanding the existence of international mechanism for suppression of acts of aggression and prevention of violation of international humanitarian law - to which you rightly referred in your statement of 26 January 1987 in Kuwait - President Saddam Hossein of Iraq has remained confident in the callousness and inaction of the Security Council, and has not only continued with apparent impunity his ruthless massacre of Iranian civilians, but has also publicized his insistence to continue committing such crimes against humanity. The failure of the guardians of international peace and security to take meaningful action against numerous recent Iraqi attacks against civilian quarters has enabled the aggressor régime of Iraq to use violation of the norms of international law to further its illegitimate military objectives.

Because of the polite acquiescence of the relevant international bodies with regard to Iraqi acts of lawlessness, the Islamic Republic of Iran has had to take symbolic retaliatory and preventive measures in response to the Iraqi bombardment of civilian areas. Such measures have been adopted with great reluctance and self-restraint. However, should the Iraqi régime persist in its war crimes, and should the international community continue its inaction and irresponsible silence, the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be obliged to inflict unprecedented heavy and deadly blows in retaliation. Clearly, the responsibility for the consequences of such retaliatory and preventive measures lies wholly with the aggressor régime of Iraq.

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

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