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

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the English text of a letter addressed to you by His Excellency, Dr. Ali Akbar Vellayati, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

(Signed) Dr. Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic
of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

As you are aware, since the beginning of the Iraqi adventurism in the Persian Gulf, aimed at internationalizing the war and inviting foreign troops to intervene in the region, the Islamic Republic of Iran has constantly tried to patiently and calmly prevent such Iraqi acts and, within her possibilities, to ensure the security of this important international waterway and free navigation therein.

In spite of all such efforts made by the Islamic Republic of Iran to eliminate tension in the region, we have been informed that several fighters of the air force of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have attacked an F4 fighter of the air force of the Islamic Republic of Iran which was supporting an Iranian patrol airplane flying above international waters for the safeguard of the Persian Gulf security, after it was threatened by a U.S. carrier.

On the basis of the information received, the Iranian F4 fighter has been shot down and its pilot has been taken away by a helicopter of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Besides, as was openly expressed by high-ranking U.S. officials, the attack on the above-mentioned patrol airplane has taken place with the intervention of U.S. forces present in the region, which is deemed a positive response to the Iraqi invitation to internationalize the war and to clear the way for further escalations of tension in the whole Persian Gulf region.

This recent act, which is undoubtedly taken in order to further intensify insecurity in the Persian Gulf, and consequently to launch a blow to international peace and security as well as to effectively encourage the eventual intervention of foreign troops in the region, once again confirms the warning that the Islamic Republic of Iran has already given to international organizations, especially the United Nations, and shows that Iraq and its supporters are more insistent than ever on further escalating the tension in the region.

The Islamic Republic of Iran once again reiterates her firm determination to defend her interests and reminds the United Nations Organization of its obligations according to the United Nations Charter in this regard.

I wish you success in fulfilling your duties to this effect and at this juncture.

Dr. Ali Akbar VELLAYATI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Islamic Republic of Iran
