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Letter dated 15 April 1987 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 the letter from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the criminal Iranian régime's use of chemical weapons against our armed forces in the war of aggression which it is waging against our country.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 14 April 1987 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the armed forces of the Iranian régime, while renewing their attempts to invade Iraqi territory, on 10 and 11 April 1987 carried out chemical raids against Iraqi forces defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq in the southern part of the battlefield. As a result of these raids, 9 soldiers were killed and 376 were wounded. It became clear after careful investigation that the chemical agent used was phosgene.

The aggressive and expansionist Iranian régime was under the delusion that this despicable method would save it from the fatal plight and predicament which it brought on itself as a result of its dogged pursuit of the policy of war and aggression against the people of Iraq. However, it was heedless of the fact that the Iraqis are not intimidated by this weapon, since they are upholding the right to defend the sovereignty of their country and its territorial integrity, its dignity and its way of life.

In calling your attention and that of world public opinion to these facts, we cannot overemphasize the necessity that the Security Council take all the firm action and measures laid down in the Charter of the United Nations to halt the Iranian régime's stubborn pursuit of its criminal policy and to endeavour to put an effective end to the war through a comprehensive settlement that would guarantee the legitimate rights of both parties.

I request you to have this letter distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

