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Letter dated 21 April 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 to reiterate the serious nature of the recent dangerous escalation of Iraqi war crimes. The resort to chemical warfare, its recent use against innocent civilians, the development and deployment of new and more deadly chemical compounds and the establishment of an extensive machinery in Iraq for the production of these illegal chemical weapons constitute serious obstacles to international endeavours for the prevention of further use and production of such weapons. In this context, Iraqi chemical weapon production facilities have not only been the focus of international outrage in the recent past, when such facilities were employed to arm the aggressive war machinery of the Iraqi régime, but also present a grave threat to the authority and integrity of the rules of international law in this field as developed in previous conventions and protocols and through ongoing international humanitarian efforts. Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran deems it necessary to call on the United Nations expert team - which for the first time has been given the opportunity to visit Iraq - to inspect these facilities. The provision of the necessary mandate to the expert team to visit and prepare a report on such facilities would illustrate your commitment to deal effectively with the problem at its foundations in order to prevent further use of these illegal weapons. My Government is prepared to provide the team with the location addresses of the said facilities.

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It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 62 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
