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Letter dated 11 May 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 letter dated 8 May 1987 (A/42/282-S/18855), I have the honour to inform you that on 7 and 8 May 1987 Iraqi warplanes dropped chemical bombs on several areas in Iran causing injuries to many.

On 7 May 1987, the following chemical attacks took place:

1. At 0700 hours (local time), the Anjineh military base and the village of Bol Hassan in Baneh area were aerielly bombarded, causing injury to some civilians.
2. At 0950 hours (local time), six Iraqi warplanes brought the Panjwin area under bombardment. As a result, one square kilometre was contaminated and 10 people were injured and are suffering from poisoning, skin irritation and inflammation as well as vomiting. A blister agent and a nerve agent were used.
3. At 1000 hours (local time), four Iraqi warplanes bombarded the Hezar Ghollen Heights in the Sardasht area, injuring 22. Mustard gas was used causing shortness of breath, inflammation of the eyes and blistering.

On 8 May 1987, at 1500 hours (local time), enemy planes bombarded the vicinity of the village of Bol Hassan, situated west of the city of Baneh, causing injury to a number of civilians.

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It seems that following the visit of the United Nations specialist team, Iraq has become even more intent upon using chemical warfare on a regular basis and as a routine tactic in its conduct of the war. It is indeed saddening to observe how little regard the criminal régime of Iraq has for international law and the initiatives of the international community. Tolerance by the international community of this attitude of Iraq vis-à-vis the rules of international law would be a most dangerous precedent, which should under no circumstances be established.

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.

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