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Letter dated 8 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 further to my previous letters, I have the honour to inform you that on 7 May 1987 the Karbala-10 operational theatre came under heavy chemical bombardment by 10 Iraqi war-planes. While violations of the 1925 Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous and Other Gases thus continue, the cities of Sardasht, Baneh, Khorramshahr and Abadan are also under constant and heavy Iraqi artillery fire and aerial bombardment.

The silence of the international community in the face of the war crimes thus perpetrated by the inhumane régime of Iraq will be interpreted as nothing but support for and condonation of the criminal behaviour of an aggressor on the brink of defeat. We therefore urge the international community to break this dangerous silence and condemn the Iraqi régime for the illegal course it has taken in the conduct of its imposed war.

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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