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LETTER DATED 31 JULY 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, I have the honour to report to you the following serious incidents in violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the United States armed forces in the Persian Gulf.

On 11 July 1987 at 0645 hours (Iranian standard time), three American F-14 aircraft entered Iranian airspace at an altitude of 25,000 feet with an air speed of 420 miles from the position of 25.30 N and 57.00 E.

On the same date at 0647 hours (Iranian standard time), two American F-14 aircraft entered Iranian airspace at an altitude of 20,000 feet with an air speed of 420 miles from the position of 26.30 N and 56.40 E. At the same time, an American navy vessel warned an Iranian patrol aircraft which was on patrol duty over Iranian territorial waters not to approach the American ship.

While American aeroplanes without any consideration for international norms and without permission have entered Iranian airspace, thus violating Iranian territory, an American vessel has prevented the flight of an Iranian patrol aircraft over Iranian airspace.

Your Excellency is aware that for months the present United States Administration has pursued an extensive diplomatic and political campaign to convince the world that its presence in the Persian Gulf is for the pursuit of a peaceful mission and for the reduction of tension in the region. However, the present policy of the United States Administration in assisting the enemies of Iran and its own violations of the Iranian territory speak for themselves and depict the nature of and motives underlying this so-called peace policy.

I should further mention that in view of the fact that the Iranian armed forces consider their right to defend their territory as an inalienable right, any unlawful provocative acts by the United States will be ensued by very dangerous consequences for which the United States' arrogant Administration and its blind and

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unwise policies should be held responsible. The Islamic Republic of Iran expects the international body to discharge its duties with regard to the United States' provocative presence and policies in the Persian Gulf.

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

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