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Letter dated 3 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you herewith a copy of the letter from the members of the Iranian medical community (see annex), accompanied by signatures of the said members, 1/ concerning the Iraqi chemical bombing of the city of Sardasht on 28 June 1987.

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

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
 Ambassador
 Permanent Representative

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1/ The list of 50 signatures is available in the files of the Secretariat.

ANNEX

Letter dated 1 August 1987 from members of the Iranian medical
community to the Secretary-General

As you are well aware, even after the Security Council issued the statement on the use of chemical weapons by Iraq, the Iraqi régime resumed the bombing of civilian residential areas with chemical weapons.

The chemical bombing of the city of Sardasht on 28 June 1987, which resulted in the wounding and martyrdom of almost two thousand people, is the latest example of such savage attacks.

We, the undersigned Iranian medical doctors, on behalf of thirty thousand physicians and those who have been in close touch with the victims of Iraqi biological and chemical warfare, use this opportunity to ask Your Excellency, who hold the crucial responsibility of maintaining world peace and security, to condemn this Iraqi crime and to identify the party who started this bloody conflict; such an undertaking will definitely help bring a just end to this terrible imposed war which has taken a heavy human toll.

It will also prevent a further extension of the conflict in a volatile part of the world which, if left unchecked, could seriously jeopardize world peace and security.

Members of the Iranian Medical Community
