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LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward to you herewith the text of the letter of a
number of Iraqi prisoner-of-war refugees who have chosen to remain in the Islamic
Republic of Iran.

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

(Signed) Mohammad Javad ZARIF
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Annex

As you are well aware, on Saturday, 16 March 1987, the Islamic Republic of Iran agreed - for humanitarian and Islamic reasons - to release unilaterally 102 disabled Iraqi prisoners of war. We, 26 of the said prisoners of war, refused to return to Iraq and asked for asylum in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Our request was granted by Iranian officials.

We have many reasons for our refusal to go back, even though our wives, children and parents are in Iraq. One of our cogent reasons for making such a decision is the extreme suppression that prevails in Iraq. Besides, there does not exist an Islamic atmosphere in Iraq and the future of the Iraqi Baathist régime is unknown. For these reasons, we found it impossible to return to and live in Iraq. Therefore, we sought asylum in Iran, which fact roused the animosity of the Iraqi Baathist régime against us.

Now, in a serious reaction to our asylum in Iran, the Iraqi régime has subjected our families to physical and psychological pressure. We therefore call on you, as a legally competent authority, to apply pressure on Iraq to stop harassing our families and to inform us about our families' whereabouts.

Refugee Iraqi prisoners of war
Guests of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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