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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 bring to your attention the following excerpt from the article written by H.E. Mr. Nizar Hamdoon, Ambassador of Iraq to the United States, which appeared in the 3 August 1987 issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

Iran, much larger and more populous than Iraq, began publicly calling for the overthrow of Iraq's political order and social system. It incited and supported waves of terrorist activities which resulted in hundreds of casualties among civilians and officials. But Iraq could not remain passive in the face of such open provocation. It did not want to be engulfed by the Iranian chaos. When it pre-emptively sent its troops into Iran in September 1980, Iraq was reacting to an overt Iranian threat to its security.

It is important to note that while a senior Iraqi official openly and directly confirms his country's resort to force in violation of principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council has found it necessary to establish an impartial body to "investigate" such an obvious question. The "objective" view of Iraqi Ambassador at this stage of the war only confirms Iraqi communications with the Council at the beginning of the imposed war, clearly proving that Iraq decided to resort to force in order to settle its diplomatic and political disputes with the Islamic Republic of Iran at a time when Iraq considered itself in a militarily advantageous position. Such action is a clear case of aggression however it may be defined. The following passage from Ambassador Hamdoon's article further illustrates vividly that the real attitude of the government of Iraq, which started a war of aggression seven years ago to "topple" the Islamic Republic has hardly changed:

What is needed, in other words, is an Iranian government that truly represents the people of Iran and that cares about their welfare and the security and stability of the region as a whole.

The Khomeini régime by its nature does not fill that need.

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The peaceful gestures of an Iraqi régime which still interferes in the internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and still openly calls for the overthrow of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran as it did seven years ago cannot be considered seriously by any serious organ.

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

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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