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CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROLONGATION OF THE  
ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

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Letter dated 3 September 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the declaration concerning the Iraq-Iran conflict and the situation in the Gulf issued on 3 September 1987 in Copenhagen by the twelve member States of the European Community, of which Denmark is currently the President (see annex).

I would appreciate the circulation of the text of this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under items 39 and 48 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration by the Twelve on the Iraq-Iran conflict and the  
situation in the Gulf

The twelve member States of the European Community are seriously concerned by the continuation of the Iraq-Iran conflict and the resulting increase in tension in the Gulf. They deeply deplore the fact that, in spite of the ongoing efforts to implement resolution 598 (1987) of the United Nations Security Council, hostilities have once again been seriously escalated.

The Twelve wholeheartedly support resolution 598 (1987) of the Security Council and call for its early implementation in full. The Twelve continue to support strongly the efforts of the Secretary-General to that end. They condemn all acts contrary to this resolution and call upon the parties to exercise the utmost restraint. Noting the positions of the two parties as expressed to date, they urgently call for a speedy acceptance of the resolution and for the immediate observance of a cease-fire on land, sea and in the air. The Twelve strongly condemn recent attacks on merchant ships in the Gulf and reiterate their firm support for the fundamental principle of freedom of navigation, which is of the utmost importance to the whole international community.

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