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LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter dated 11 October 1987 from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 11 October 1987 from the Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that yesterday at 2350 hours (local time) the armed forces of the criminal Iranian régime again fired a ground-to-ground missile at residential areas of Baghdad, killing and wounding several civilians, including women and children.

This criminal act confirms the statements I made in the letter I addressed to you on 6 October 1987 to the effect that the Iranian régime is seeking to escalate the war of the cities within the framework of its diabolical plan to confuse the issue and evade the will of the international community, which, by adopting Security Council resolution 598 (1987), has called for the establishment of peace.

That aberrational and outlaw régime is thus seeking to torpedo any prospect of peace in order to continue the war and to blackmail Iraq, the countries of the region and the whole world.

We reaffirm what we have written in the letters we have already addressed to you concerning the need to draw the necessary conclusions from these criminal activities of the Iranian régime. We also consider that in order to preserve peace and stability in the region, uphold the United Nations Charter and maintain the credibility of the Security Council, it is essential that severe sanctions should immediately be imposed on that criminal régime in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. This is all the more necessary as any delay will only serve to perpetuate the pernicious policy of aggression incarnated by the Iranian régime and cause further death and destruction.

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