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Letter dated 20 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative
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 enclose herewith, for your information, the text of a message dated 19 November 1987 from the President of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see annex).

Since 17 November 1987, the Iraqi régime has twice resorted to military attacks against Bushehr nuclear power plant, which carries fissionable material. The persistence of the Iraqi régime and the intensity of the attacks show that the criminal rulers in Baghdad have found yet another way of violating the most common norms of international conduct, thereby escalating the scope of the conflict and posing a grave threat to the region, which can face a nuclear disaster if the Iraqi acts of lawlessness are not brought to a halt. It is expected that the pertinent organs of the United Nations as well as other relevant international forums will immediately investigate the extent of this latest Iraqi crime and take effective measures to prevent its recurrence. The Security Council bears a particular burden in this regard.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62 (a) and 74, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 November 1987 from the President of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran to the Chairman of the Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency

I profoundly regret to declare that the International Atomic Energy Agency has never, in spite of our numerous past grievances, taken any appropriate measures regarding the persistent military attacks of the aggressive régime of Iraq on Bushehr nuclear plant. As a consequence of the Agency's indifference to this serious matter, once again on 19 November 1987, at 10.15 hours, Bushehr nuclear power plant was attacked by the Zionist régime of Iraq.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the international community, in particular, the International Atomic Energy Agency, fully responsible for the recent attacks and any further attacks as the result of which radioactive material would most probably be released into the atmosphere.

Your immediate response with respect to our previous request, which appeared in my telex No. 16018/19/20 dated 17 November 1987, namely, the assignment of a mission of safeguard inspectors as well as nuclear safety and radiation protection experts to the site of Bushehr nuclear power plant, is appreciated in advance.

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President of AEOI
