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LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 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 a letter dated 9 November 1987 from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the commission by the aggressor Iranian régime of a new crime in launching another missile against residential neighbourhoods in Baghdad.

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 9 November 1987 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the
Secretary-General

Further to the numerous letters I have addressed to you, the most recent of which was that dated 30 October 1987 (document S/19244), I have the honour to inform you that the criminal Iranian régime launched at 1810 local time yesterday a ground-to-ground missile against crowded residential neighbourhoods in Baghdad. This abominable crime caused the deaths of 6 children and 4 women and the wounding of 106 civilians, including 41 women and 48 children. Ten dwelling-houses were destroyed and 20 others damaged; 8 civilian vehicles were destroyed or damaged; and damage was caused to a number of shops. The diplomatic corps in Baghdad and representatives of international and regional organizations visited the scene of the crime this morning.

This heinous crime, which is indicative of the aggressive and criminal character of the Iranian régime, comes at a time when international and inter-Arab efforts are being made to establish peace. The persistence of the aggressive, expansionist Iranian régime in the commission of such crimes only illustrates its moral degeneracy and the depth of its malice and hatred towards Iraq and Iraq's aspirations for peace, progress and stability.

The persistence of the Iranian régime in its crimes against the civilian population of Iraq, which has now reached a point where it confirms the complete bankruptcy of the aggressive, expansionist Iranian design, requires from you and from the international community the strongest condemnation and the resolute application of all effective measures before matters reach such alarming proportions that they can no longer be controlled.

The crimes of the cowardly Iranian régime shall not intimidate Iraq and shall only increase the determination of the Iraqi people to persist in their defence of the sovereignty and security of the fatherland. The rulers of Iran shall pay a heavy price for their crimes at the appropriate moment.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
