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ORIGINAL: ARABIC**LETTER DATED 30 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 inform you that it was announced on Radio Tehran at 1330 local time on 26 November 1987 that Hashemi Rafsanjani, representing the Imam in the Supreme Defence Council, had made a speech "on the fourth day of the International Conference to Study the Question of the Security of the Holy Places ... concerning the formation of a Joint World Government or an International Reform Council". The speech included the following statement:

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is today prepared to give its support to this cause and to assume all its burdens. We are prepared to go to war in order to attain our objectives. If the peoples of the Islamic world and the ulema (Islamic scholars) wish to take such a decision, we are prepared to go to war and, whatever the circumstances, to liberate Makkah and to establish an international Islamic central authority. If we have resisted Iraq to this extent, we can still think in these terms. We want to save the Muslim people of Iraq who are yielding to colonialism and tyranny."

This statement unequivocally proves our constant assertions that the Iranian régime is aggressive and expansionist in nature and that it has selected Iraq as an initial target for aggressive and expansionist war prior to launching an aggressive and expansionist war against all the countries of the Arab East.

It must be no secret to anyone after today that the Iranian régime's aggressive and expansionist policy is indeed being felt in the region and is being palpably applied. The time has come for the international community seriously and decisively to counteract that policy by deterring the Iranian régime in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, which is the constitution on which contemporary international relations are based.

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

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