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Letter dated 8 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of  
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Radio Tehran made the following statement on Wednesday, 6 January 1988, at 7.30 p.m. :

"Today the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq held the last meeting of the special conference at its sixth session, whose theme was the intensification of the uprising of the Muslim Iraqi people and which was devoted to consideration of ways of strengthening that uprising, both inside and outside the country and on the various fronts.

"At the meeting, El-Hakim, President of the Supreme Council, stated that the Council had 20,000 combatants for the faith at its disposal and that Iraqi Kurds were fighting the Saddam régime on various fronts. He added that an endeavour was being made to raise the number of combatants to 100,000. At the same meeting, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Velayati, stated that the Islamic revolution represented a major force that was a threat to the interests of hegemonism and that the world now regarded the Supreme Council as an alternative to the Saddam régime. Velayati expressed the hope that the combatants for the faith would very soon proclaim the Islamic Republic of Iraq."

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

