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LETTER DATED 2 FEBRUARY 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the note verbale dated 20 January 1988 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Sweden (Interest Section of the United Kingdom) in Tehran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Director-General
of International Affairs and
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Annex

Note verbale dated 20 January 1988 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Sweden (Interest Section of the United Kingdom) in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Sweden (Interest Section of the United Kingdom) in Tehran and has the honour to bring the following to the latter's attention.

According to information received from pertinent authorities of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 20 November 1987, at 1338 hours, a British ship at the position of 2625 N and 5603 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft not to fly closer to the ship.

In view of the inalienable right of all countries to overflight in international waters, the British ship issued its warning in contravention of all recognized international regulations. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly objects to such actions and demands that they not be repeated.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Sweden (Interest Section of the United Kingdom) the assurances of its highest consideration.

