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LETTER DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION 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 letter of His Excellency
Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

(Signed) Mahmoud Sadat MADARSHAHI
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 29 February 1988 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

As you are aware, the aggressor régime of Iraq, in continuation of its savage aggression against non-military and residential cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran and in violation of all rules and norms of international law, particularly the 1949 Geneva Convention and the moratorium of 12 June 1984, has during the past few days intensified its inhumane attacks against the defenceless cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, causing the martyrdom and injury of many innocent civilians.

The aggressor régime of Iraq, during its attacks and acts of aggression on 27 February 1988, in addition to violating the airspaces of the provinces of Bakhtaran, Lorestan, Ilam and West Azarbaijan, Tehran, Saqqez, Hamadan and Dezful, also bombarded non-military and residential centres, causing the martyrdom and injury of 209 civilians.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while informing you of the above details, invites the urgent attention of the United Nations Organization to the intensified acts of aggression by the Iraqi régime against the defenceless Iranian cities, acts of aggression which are taking place with the support and encouragement of the United States in its attempt to compensate for its losses in the Persian Gulf. It is hereby requested that Your Excellency use your good offices as the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prevent further occurrence and intensification of Iraqi savagery against Iranian cities.

In conclusion, I deem it necessary to emphasize the respect and regard of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the international principles and regulations of the United Nations. Any retaliatory action by the Islamic Republic of Iran has only been intended to prevent further attacks by Iraq against Iranian civilian centres as well as other Iraqi acts of savagery. Should the United Nations fail to take any immediate measures to halt the continuation and intensification of these acts of aggression by the Iraqi régime, the Islamic Republic of Iran will have no option, in the face of the repeated demands of the families of the martyred and the injured, other than further retaliatory attacks against economic, industrial and military centres in Iraq.

There remains no doubt that the responsibility for the consequences of such circumstances, including any endangerment of the peace and security of the region and the world, will lie with the Iraqi régime and its supporter, the United States.

Ali Akbar VELAYATI
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