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LETTER DATED 3 MARCH 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the message from His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, Chairman of the Fifth Session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, addressed to the leaders of the States members of the Security Council.

I should be grateful if the text of the message would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Message dated 1 March 1988 from the Amir of the State of Kuwait and
Chairman of the Fifth Session of the Organization of the Islamic
Conference addressed to the leaders of the States members of the
Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

There has been a tragic new development in the Iraq-Iran war - a war which is itself a tragedy of bloodshed that has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands on both sides since it began more than seven years ago. There has been a resumption of the bombing of cities and populated areas where children, women and the elderly, whose only wish is to live in peace, cannot defend themselves or avoid the bombs which are dropped on such areas.

On behalf of the Islamic world, and in accordance with the love for peace and brotherhood among all humanity which is advocated by Islam and was preached by all the prophets, and on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, whose current session I have the honour to chair, I should like to pay tribute to the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to urge the Security Council, particularly its permanent members to remember that every day their effective intervention to end this war is delayed entails further innocent casualties among the populations of both warring parties.

I hope that my message to you will provide a further incentive to initiate expeditious action in this context and so to fulfil the aspirations of all peoples of the world for peace in an area which has long yearned for peace.

Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah
Amir of Kuwait
Chairman of the Organization of
the Islamic Conference

