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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 1988 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 transmit herewith a letter, dated 4 April 1988, from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 4 April 1988 from the Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that it has been ascertained that, on 30 and 31 March 1988, the artillery and aircraft of the criminal Iranian régime bombarded Iraqi troops in the Halabjah sector with chemical agents. This savage bombardment caused extensive injury to 88 Iraqi soldiers, who are currently receiving care at a hospital in Baghdad.

We have made it clear on many occasions that the Iranian régime, while committing criminal acts which are in violation of the principles of international humanitarian law, makes spurious complaints about the non-implementation of those principles in order to cover up its crimes and divert attention from its policy of prolongation of the war, aggression and expansion.

The Iraqi Government requests you to send a mission to Baghdad immediately in order to examine the wounded and obtain detailed information about the attack.

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

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Iraq

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