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LETTER DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a message addressed to Your Excellency  
by His Excellency Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq.

I would kindly request that this message be circulated as a document of the  
Security Council.

(Signed) Salah Omar AL-ALI  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 29 September 1980 from the President of Iraq addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have received your letter dated 28 September 1980 and would like to take this opportunity to confirm to you that, shortly before the Security Council held its meeting on 28 September 1980, we declared, in an official statement broadcast by the Iraqi radio and television networks, Iraq's readiness to halt immediately the hostilities between it and Iran if the other side made a similar undertaking, and to resort to negotiations, directly or through a third party or any international body or organization which we respect and trust, in order to reach an equitable and honourable solution which would guarantee our rights and our sovereignty.

This decision on our part, Sir, is perfectly consistent with the spirit of resolution 479 (1980) subsequently adopted by the Security Council at meeting 2248 on 28 September 1980. Consequently, we naturally accept the above-mentioned resolution of the Security Council and declare our readiness to abide by it if the Iranian side does likewise. We hope that the Security Council will take the necessary measures to urge the Iranian side to abide by that resolution.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation of the efforts made by you personally, and by the Security Council, with a view to the preservation of security and stability in our region in a manner conducive to the aspirations of humanity towards a just peace.

Saddam HUSSEIN  
President of the Republic of Iraq

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