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LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 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 letter of His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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

(Signed) Mohammad Ja'afar MAHALLATI
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 18 April 1988 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

The war-monger United States Administration, in continuation of its enmity towards the Islamic Revolution and in blatant support of the aggressor Iraqi régime, on the morning of this day, 18 April 1988, resorted to a series of premeditated acts of aggression against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran by attacking three Iranian oil platforms of Nasr, Salman and Mobarak from air and sea. This is not the first time that the United States Administration has committed such crimes against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The rulers in Washington, from the very inception of the Islamic Revolution, have shown their aversion to it by committing illegal acts of aggression against it.

Prior attacks by the United States military forces against the Resalat and Shahadat platforms in October 1987 as well as today's attacks coupled with the provocative behaviour of the United States in the Persian Gulf fully illustrate American adverturist and expansionist policies in the region. It has been clearly substantiated by independent sources that the presence of the United States forces in the Persian Gulf, contrary to their claims, has not only failed to enhance the security of the region but has in fact increasingly undermined the very security of the international waterway.

American attacks against Iranian oil platforms which have no means of defence have no military value. They simply indicate a plan by both the United States and Iraq to aggress against the Islamic Republic of Iran in an attempt to divert attention from the heinous war crimes of Iraq, particularly the chemical bombing of Halabja.

As it has repeatedly declared, the Islamic Republic of Iran will under no circumstances surrender to the politics of force and manipulation and will certainly not leave this latest act of injustice unanswered.

It is expected that international organizations and Your Excellency condemn this American act of aggression which contravenes the Charter of the United Nations and is only a consequence of the adventurism of the United States. It is also expected that immediate preventative measures are taken to stop the future recurrence of such crimes.

Would it be justifiable for the Security Council, which claims to be the guardian of international peace and security, to assume silence in the face of yet another act of aggression by the United States while these premeditated acts of aggression constitute the most serious breach of the peace and a grave threat to regional and international security?
