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LETTER DATED 22 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
Dr. Hadi Manafi, the Head of the Iranian Medical Council 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) Mohammad Ja'afar MAHALJATI
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter from the Head of the Iranian Medical Council of the
Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

The Iraqi régime recently once again, contrary to all recognized international rules, has used chemical weapons not only against Iranians who have suffered from such attacks since 1985, but also against the innocent Kurdish population of northern Iraq.

Such ruthless attacks have resulted in killing and severely wounding thousands of Kurdish residents in Halabja and other areas in northern Iraq.

The obvious breach of international rules and regulations regarding the non-use of chemical weapons by Iraq is a serious warning to the international community of nations that if such gross atrocities are not stopped with firm determination, then such crimes will be extended and, as a result, the whole world as well as human dignity and morality will greatly suffer the inevitable consequences.

We, the members of the medical community of the Islamic Republic of Iran, expect you and the world physicians in general to help us inform the world public opinion of the horrible results of such heinous crimes, and condemn the aggressor who has so shamelessly ignored international rules by using chemical and missile attacks against innocent civilian population. We honestly hope that this moral and humanitarian appeal will affect the conscience of all people, particularly physicians, and consequently prevent the Iraqi régime from committing such terrible crimes in the future.

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