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LETTER DATED 7 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that in the early morning hours of Sunday, 6 November 1994, at 0035 hours, 0040 hours and 0130 hours local time, Iranian armed forces perpetrated blatant military aggression by firing from inside Iranian territory, in the region of Naft-e Shah, three Scud ground-to-ground missiles into Iraqi territory to a depth of over 80 kilometres. As a result of this Iranian aggression, physical injury was caused to individuals and property.

That Iranian aggression constitutes a gross violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as a serious breach of the cease-fire provisions of Security Council resolution 598 (1987). It also violates the Charter of the United Nations.

While wishing to affirm that it reserves its right to legitimate defence against aggression by such means as it deems fit and that the Iranian Government bears the international responsibility arising from that aggression, the Government of Iraq also reminds the Security Council that, on more than one occasion, the Iranian Government has clearly exploited the imposition of the embargo on Iraq to perpetrate aggression against it, thus necessitating an earnest search for ways of guaranteeing that Iraq is able to defend itself, particularly since the Security Council resolutions which imposed the embargo on Iraq have affirmed the respect of the United Nations and its Member States for the independence and integrity of Iraq.

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

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
