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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 26 April 1993, I have the honour to inform you that, on 26 April 1993, Iran bombarded towns in the Tushman region and the suburbs of Panjwin, killing a number of civilians and wounding others. In addition, some of the inhabitants have been forced to flee their villages to seek refuge in the area of Sayyid Sadiq and the town of Sulaymaniyah in order to escape the bombardment. The people also fear a new attack, which appears all the more likely since massed Iranian units have been observed in the area situated opposite Panjwin.

Apart from constituting blatant interference in Iraq's internal affairs, which is inconsistent with good-neighbourly relations, this fresh aggression is a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a clear-cut breach of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

Iraq calls upon the Secretary-General to intervene in order to induce the Iranian regime to desist from actions contrary to the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and it reserves its right to respond to these acts of aggression and to use any appropriate means to protect its rights and interests and the lives and property of its citizens.

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Nizar HAMDOON . Ambassador Permanent Representative