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LETTER DATED 17 OCTOBER 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As you have already been informed, Iraqi authorities have put the twelve Iranian employees of the Common Bureau for Coordination, set up for Shatt al-Arab under the 1975 Treaty between Iran and Iraq, and their families under arrest. These Iranian nationals, whose names are attached herewith, have in collaboration with Iraqi employees administered the above-mentioned bureau for the past four years.

Under the provisions of the relevant agreements between the two countries, Iraq is committed to provide protection and facilities for the Iranian employees of the bureau and their detention by the Iraqi authorities is unjustified, and therefore their freedom of movement should be restored and they should be allowed to go to Iran with their families until the proper environment is set for the resumption of the activities of the bureau.

It would be appreciated if proper measures are taken to have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jamal SHEMIRANI  
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex

List of Iranian employees of the Common Bureau  
for Coordination presently detained in Iraq

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| (1)  | Mr. Shubair Abtahi     | Director of Financial Affairs      |
| (2)  | Mr. Heidar Zarei       | Director of Administrative Affairs |
| (3)  | Mr. Hussein Raja'ian   | Traffic Control Officer            |
| (4)  | Mr. Abdol Reza Mahdavi | Traffic Control Officer            |
| (5)  | Mr. Mirzai             | Head of the Department of Revenues |
| (6)  | Mr. Alireza Khoshrou   | Marine Expert                      |
| (7)  | Mr. Ehtemami           | Accountant                         |
| (8)  | Mr. Ala'i              | Accountant                         |
| (9)  | Mr. Ali Sabzevari      | FHV Operator                       |
| (10) | Mr. Kargarbideh        | FHV Operator                       |
| (11) | Mr. Ali Dowlat Abadi   | FHV Operator                       |
| (12) | Ms. Hosseini           | Typist                             |