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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

During recent days members of the Security Council have continued intensive consultations about the situation between Iran and Iraq. Their aim continues to be to bring an early end to the hostilities and to bring about a peaceful settlement of the dispute in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Members of the Council are deeply concerned that hostilities continue, with resulting loss of life and material damage. They continue to urge that all concerned be guided by Member States' obligations under the Charter to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

The Secretary-General has participated fully in the Council's consultations. Members of the Council have reiterated their full support for the use of his good offices to bring about peaceful negotiations between Iran and Iraq with a view to arriving at a just solution to their differences. Members of the Council welcome the fact that, in the exercise of his good offices, the Secretary-General is considering sending a representative to the region in order to facilitate authoritative communication with and between the Governments concerned so that negotiations for peace can proceed on an urgent basis.

Members of the Security Council express their hope that Iran and Iraq continue their co-operation with the Security Council and appeal to both parties to support the efforts of the Secretary-General.

The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to keep it fully informed about his efforts.
