



UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY
COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

S/14514
11 June 1981

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

It would be appreciated if the enclosed text were circulated as a document
of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saib BAFI
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex

You have learned no doubt of the grave act of aggression committed by Israel against the Republic of Iraq. At 18:37 hours Baghdad local time, on Sunday, 7 June 1981, a formation of nine Israeli warplanes raided Baghdad and bombed the Iraqi nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes. Hence, Israel committed a premeditated act of aggression against the Republic of Iraq, thereby exposing international peace and security in the area to grave dangers. The Israeli Government acknowledged the commission of this act of aggression.

I should like to emphasize in this connexion that this act of aggression was not the first of its kind against our country. On 27 September 1980, two raids were carried out on Baghdad which were also aimed at the nuclear installations. In a communiqué issued by the Iraqi Government at the time, and due to military, political and moral considerations, the two raids were referred to without mentioning the fact that Israel had perpetrated them.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq has requested from the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene an urgent meeting of the Council to consider the Israeli aggression and to take effective measures in respect thereto.

The Republic of Iraq, as you undoubtedly know, is party to the Non-proliferation Treaty, and its nuclear programme is exclusively designed for peaceful purposes. Iraq has not committed any act contrary to its international obligations under the said treaty, and the safeguards agreement. This has been fully attested to by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Furthermore, in recognition of this fact, the international community as represented by State parties to the Treaty, unanimously elected Iraq as President of the Second Review Conference of the Non-proliferation Treaty, held in Geneva on 11 August 1980.

Israel has refused to accede to the Non-proliferation Treaty, in spite of the repeated calls by the international community. Israel was condemned by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 34/89 of 11 December 1979, entitled "Israeli Nuclear Armament". The international community fully knows that the Israeli nuclear programmes are geared to military purposes in full co-operation with the apartheid régime in South Africa.

We call upon the international community to condemn the dastardly and repeated Israeli aggression against Iraq, and Israel's transgression against international legality through its nuclear programmes by means of which it seeks to impose military hegemony over the whole area.

/...

S/14514
English
Annex
Page 2

The Government of the Republic of Iraq calls upon the Governments of the Member States of your Organization to support Iraq's position which conforms fully with international law by condemning Israeli aggression and taking effective international actions including mandatory sanctions under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. It is to be hoped that they will demonstrate solidarity with Iraq in international fora by supporting its legitimate right to continue its peaceful scientific programmes in the field of nuclear energy designed to develop technology in the interest of economic and social progress for the welfare of the people of Iraq and the Arab nation.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to circulate this letter to the Member States of your Organization.

Dr. Saadoun HAMMADI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of Iraq
