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OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 24 November 1976, an Imperial Iranian Air Force aircraft, part of the Iranian contingent which is presently stationed in Oman at the request of the Government of this neighbouring and friendly State, was shot down during a training flight over the State of Oman. The aircraft was fired at from across the border of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

This flagrant act of aggression is evidently designed to sabotage the smooth process of the Foreign Ministers' Conference of the Persian Gulf Littoral States which is in session in Oman's capital.

The Government of Iran is confident that this intriguing and inhuman act of aggression will not adversely affect the determination and efforts of the Persian Gulf Littoral States to maintain peace and security in the area.

The Government of Iran, while deeply deploring the incident, strongly condemns this hostile act, and reserves its right to take appropriate action if and when it deems it necessary.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fereydoun HOVEYDA
Permanent Representative of Iran
to the United Nations
