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Note verbale dated 18 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to bring to his attention the attached communiqué received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It would be highly appreciated if the necessary measures could be taken to have this communiqué distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", and of the Security Council.

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Communiqué dated 11 January 1982 issued by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Iran

It is not the first time that the régime of Iraq has made the effort to conceal its criminal acts, by spreading false reports of distorted and misleading information. The letter of the Foreign Minister of Iraq contained in document A/36/847-S/14806 dated 18 December 1981 is yet another such effort.

Referring to a previous note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, contained in document A/36/842-S/14802 dated 18 December 1981, in which some of the criminal acts of the Baathist Junta in Iraq against our country and people were brought to the attention of the international community, we wish to emphasize the fact that Iraqi allegations of executions of Iraqi prisoners of war by Iran have the sole purpose of deceiving the international as well as the Iraqi public. It is a futile effort by Iraq to divert attention from the criminal acts that it commits on a daily basis against innocent civilians in Iran, and at the same time, to justify for its own people the great number of casualties it has suffered on the battle fronts lately, by making the allegation that their deaths are the result of executions. The Iraqi régime also hopes that the spreading of such rumours will deter its soldiers on the front from continuously deserting it and joining their brothers in faith in Iran.

Contrary to Iraqi allegations, the Iraqi prisoners of war are receiving more than fair treatment in Iran and this has been confirmed by officials of the International Red Cross. Nevertheless, to prove once again the baselessness of Iraqi propaganda, the International Red Cross has again been invited to investigate the conditions within which Iraqi prisoners of war are living in Iran. The Prime Minister of Iran has also extended an open invitation to parents of Iraqi prisoners of war to visit their sons in Iran on the occasion of the third anniversary of the triumph of the Islamic Revolution.
