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Note verbale dated 8 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to document NV/82/10 dated 15 March 1982 which contained a note of the Permanent Representative of Iran together with a telex message of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran, has the honour, upon instructions from the Government of Iraq, to point out that the allegations contained in the above message constitute a flagrant and unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of Iraq.

The Iranian telex message makes the unfounded allegations that the Government of Iraq has "expelled 1,500 Iraqi Moslem men, women and children" across the border into Iran.

The Permanent Representative finds it necessary to stress here that those who have been deported were of Iranian citizenship, that is, Iranians who had obtained Iraqi citizenship illegally.

It is very difficult to envisage why the deportation of foreign nationals to their own countries should be considered a refugee problem.

Iraq, like all other sovereign States, has the right to expel any foreigner who has illegally entered its territory, or who has violated its emigration laws. Furthermore, it is worthy to note that any sovereign State has the right to withdraw its citizenship from any naturalized citizen who has obtained citizenship through false representation and forged documents.

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All of the above-mentioned conditions and rights have been recognized by private international law and by the international community, and are the legitimate right of sovereign States.

In the light of the above facts, the Government of Iraq had to take the appropriate measures against those foreigners who violated its laws and the conditions of citizenship.

The Permanent Representative of Iraq has the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 58 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.
