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

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 1 July 1982, addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations circulated in document S/15270. In the said letter, the Permanent Representative of Iran alleged, in the abusive language which has become the standard Iranian jargon, that the Iraqi forces have not withdrawn from Iran.

In this connexion, I should like to recall the statement of the spokesman of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 30 June 1982, now circulated in document A/37/323 through which my Government confirmed the completion of the withdrawal of the Iraqi forces from Iran.

In the face of the above-mentioned Iranian allegation, which we categorically deny, it is indeed only rational to propose that should there be any doubt as to the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Iran, it remains for the United Nations to verify this fact through appropriate machinery.

I shall be very grateful if the contents of this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Salah Omar AL-ALI
Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations