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Letter dated 11 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the following statement on the conflict between Iraq and Iran issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the ten member States of the European Community on 24 May 1982:

"The Ten express their concern at the continuation of conflict between Iraq and Iran which has now lasted two years and claimed very numerous victims, led to considerable material destruction, created grave suffering for the civilian populations, and has diverted significant resources which the two countries had wished to devote to economic and social progress.

"While reaffirming their commitment to the principle of respect for the independence and the sovereignty of States and of non-interference in their internal affairs, the Ten express the grave concern which the continuation of the fighting causes them. They deplore this the more because they have long standing and close links with each of the two belligerents as well as with the other countries in the region. They recall that since 23 September 1980 they have taken a position in support of an end to the fighting and of a negotiated settlement.

"The Ten pay tribute to the persistent efforts made by the representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the Non-Aligned Movement and of the Islamic Conference.

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"The Ten, for their own part earnestly desire a peaceful solution in accordance with the principles recognized by the international community, such as those defined by the United Nations Security Council in its resolution 479 (1980) of September 1980. They firmly believe that a just and lasting political settlement assuring the security of the two States in respect for their sovereignty, their territorial integrity and their political and cultural identity is more than ever urgent and necessary, in order to permit the economic and social development to which the peoples of the region aspire.

"The Ten are willing to participate in every effort directed towards peace, to the extent that each of the two parties request them to do so, as well as to consider, when hostilities have ceased, the possibility of co-operating in the reconstruction of the two countries."

I request you to have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 58 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations
