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Under instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that once again the Iranian régime has massed a large number of military forces along the international frontier between Iraq and Iran. These forces are at present poised in an attempt to invade Iraq. Although five such attempts last month were defeated with the infliction of great human and material losses upon the Iranian forces, the Iranian régime persists in its ominous policy of aggression and territorial expansion, causing thereby a grave threat to the peace and security of the region.

It is well known to all that unlike my Government, the Iranian government has failed to respond positively to all the international efforts aiming at the peaceful settlement of the conflict, it has notably refused to accept the terms of Security Council resolutions 479 (1980) and 514 (1982), which outlined a framework for peace, and continued instead in violating its obligations under the Charter and International Law.

I shall like to stress that Iraq shall continue with its efforts for peace, while not neglecting at the same time to exercise its inherent right to self-defence against aggression and expansion.

Finally in view of the continued violations of the Iranian régime of its obligations under the charter and the norms of international conduct, the United Nations is duty bound, more now than ever before, to act so that the Iranian policy of aggression and expansion be put to an end in the interest of international peace and security.

I shall be grateful if you would kindly arrange for the distribution of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Zuhair I. MOHAMMED Chargé d'Affaires

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