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LETTER DATED 25 JANUARY 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to violations of international law by the United States forces in the Persian Gulf which consist of interference with Iranian sea-patrol aircraft flying over international and the Iranian territorial waters as well as interception of the Iranian patrol aircraft by the United States' warplanes. The list of these violations is herewith annexed.

It would be appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Director-General for International Affairs  
and Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Warnings to Iranian sea-patrol aircraft by United States  
naval vessels

1. On 12 November 1987, at 1130 hours, an American ship at the position of 2433 N and 5800 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2442 N and 5746 E not to fly closer to the ship.
2. On 16 November 1987, at 1512 hours, an American ship at the position of 2410 N and 5910 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2423 N and 5856 E not to fly closer to the ship.
3. On 17 November 1987, at 1000 hours, an American ship warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2614 N and 5420 E not to fly closer to the ship.
4. On 17 November 1987, at 1600 hours, an American ship at the position of 2540 N and 5655 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft not to fly closer to the ship.
5. On 17 November 1987, at 1610 hours, an American ship at the position of 2540 N and 5705 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft not to fly closer to the ship.
6. On 17 November 1987, at 1536 hours, an American ship at the position of 2528 N and 5713 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2536 N and 5740 E over Iranian territorial waters not to fly closer to the ship.
7. On 19 November 1987, at 0955 hours, an American ship at the position of 2400 N and 5835 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2428 N and 5827 E not to fly closer to the ship.
8. On 19 November 1987, at 1630 hours, an American ship at the position of 2545 N and 5520 E, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2629 N and 5536 E over Iranian territorial waters not to fly closer to the ship.
9. On 27 November 1987, at 1010 hours, an American ship at the position of 2446 N and 6056 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2505 N and 6007 E not to fly closer to the ship.
10. On 28 November 1987, at 0944 hours, an American ship at the position of 2447 N and 5827 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2500 N and 5849 E not to fly closer to the ship.
11. On 28 November 1987, at 1505 hours, an American warship at the position of 2614 N and 5554 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft at the position of 2615 N and 5640 E not to fly closer to the ship.

Interception by American aircraft of Iranian sea-patrol aircraft

1. On 26 November 1987, at 0952 hours, two American F-18 aircraft at the position of 2449 N and 5952 E intercepted an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft.
2. On 27 November 1987, at 0947 hours, two American F-18 aircraft at the position of 2447 N and 5902 E intercepted an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft.
3. On 27 November 1987, at 0955 hours, two American F-18 aircraft at the position of 2447 N and 5925 E intercepted an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft.
4. On 28 November 1987, at 0926 hours, two American F-18 aircraft at the position of 2503 N and 5855 E intercepted an Iranian sea-patrol aircraft.

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