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Letter dated 28 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed by my Government to bring to your attention the latest development in the ongoing conflict between Iran and Iraq.

On Tuesday, 26 October 1982, at 12.45 p.m. (local time), Iraqi war planes bombarded a heavily populated, residential area, this time in the southern city of Dezful. This criminal act by the régime of Iraq led to the martyrdom of at least 24 innocent civilians and the injury of 107 people. The search for more injured persons under the debris of more than one hundred houses, totally or partially damaged, still continues.

It should be noted that this criminal act is even in violation of the operative part of the Iraqi resolution, imposed upon the General Assembly less than a week ago.

The people of Iran have witnessed such savage acts by Iraq every time the leadership of Iraq has made some reference to the commitment of that country to peace. The Iranian people have come to refer to such Iraqi barbarity as "Iraqi peace". The purpose of Iraqi bombardments of civilian areas in Iran seems to be very clear; it is to make sure that the people of Iran do not misunderstand what Iraq truly means by "peace".

It has been only one week since the General Assembly adopted an Iraqi resolution that seemingly aimed at restoring peace between Iran and Iraq. But if

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some members of the United Nations do not know what an "Iraqi peace" really is, the Iranian people have been reminded of it repeatedly in the past, and as recently as Tuesday.

Despite extensive acrobatics by Iraq to convince world public opinion of the allegedly peace-loving nature of its leaders, the Iranian people consider the barbaric actions of Iraq, that only Israel has surpassed in Lebanon, as a clear indication of the attempt by Iraq to further escalate the conflict it initiated with Iran in 1980. It is only appropriate to draw the attention of the international community to the fact that Iraq alone will bear full responsibility for the consequences of its efforts to escalate the war and for its massacre of innocent civilians. It is most regrettable if the United Nations once again decides to turn a blind eye to Iraq's criminal acts of aggression. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran cordially invites any United Nations fact-finding delegation and/or individual distinguished representative to visit the war fronts in order to witness the scenes of Iraqi war crimes for themselves.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of this letter were distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 58, 118, 122 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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