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OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As Your Excellency is already aware, the aggressive Iraqi régime, in pursuit of its criminal policy of occupying the territories of the Islamic Republic of Iran, attacked the border city of Mehran on Saturday, 18 June 1988, employing extensive ground and air forces, including extensive armoured and infantry units as well as using all types of destructive and lethal weapons.

The Iraqi régime, pursuing its expansionist goals and violating all international principles, particularly the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the 1925 Geneva Protocol, has spared no criminal measures in attacking the border city of Mehran, and subsequently, in an effort to divert the world public opinion, has denied this expansionist aggression by attributing it to a certain terrorist group.

Needless to point out that considering the limited number of members of the terrorist group in question, lacking military capabilities such as heavy weaponry, artillery units, lethal, and highly destructive weapons, this small group could not have undertaken such an attack against the city of Mehran. The group in question receiving financial and military support from Iraq has only been able to carry out terrorist acts against innocent civilians.

International bodies, particularly the United Nations should consider the serious nature of this issue which illustrates that apart from the conduct of war, Iraq is pursuing objectives which has direct bearing on internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Furthermore, by attacking the border city of Mehran, using Iranian terrorist groups and creating continued border disturbances Iraq has once again proven that it never pursues a lasting peace and security in the region. By continuing its aggression through the use of destructive and anti-human weapons, Iraq has constantly sought to create new obstacles for Your Excellency's initiatives and implementation plan.

The recent Iraqi attack against Mehran and their subsequent manoeuvres of involving a terrorist group which discloses the true nature of this war mongering régime is an illustration of the hypocrisy of the call for peace purported by the Iraqi régime - hence furnishing the United Nations with further evidence of intransigence of the Iraqi régime and its aggressive nature.

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

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