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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 bring to your attention the following case of Saudi-Iraqi co-operation in the imposed war against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 22 January 1988, 16 Iraqi planes, consisting of 4 fighter-bombers and 12 tankers, flew from the Artavi base, 80 kilometres west of Sho'eibeh, Iraq. After flying over the littoral Persian Gulf State, and twice aerial refuelling, the fighter-bombers attacked Larak oil terminal. On their return, all the planes landed at Dahrhan airport in Saudi Arabia, wherefrom, after refuelling and the crew's resting, they flew to the Artavi base the same day in the afternoon.

Between 1200 and 1210 hours of 21 April 1988, two Iraqi Mirage planes attacked Farsi Island, where one of them was hit by the anti-aircraft units, which subsequently made an emergency landing at Abu Jobil airport in Saudi Arabia. The damaged parts of this Iraqi jet were later transported to Iraq.

These facts which are clear indications of the all-around Saudi co-operation with and support for the aggressive Iraqi régime in the imposed war constitute the unequivocal violation of the principles of neutrality.

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

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