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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a protest note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait concerning the latter's co-operation with the Iraqi régime in the imposed war against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

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Annex

Unofficial translation

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait and informs that:

According to the information received from relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 22 December 1987, 16 Iraqi planes, consisting of 4 attack-planes and 12 tankers, took off from the Artavi base, 80 kilometres West of Sho'eibeh, Iraq. After flying over the West side of the city of Kuwait and over the southern region of Kuwait, 8 tanker-planes returned, but the rest continued their flight up to the Larak oil terminal, where they attacked the terminal before returning.

The Government of Kuwait, by granting air corridor and flight permission to the Iraqi planes, has clearly co-operated with the Iraqi régime.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran once again strongly protests against such co-operations of the Government of Kuwait with the warmonger Iraqi régime which is the source of aggression and savage, anti-human crimes against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it holds the Government of Kuwait responsible for the consequences of such acts.

Obviously, the mere denial of such cases, despite confirmations made by some high ranking officials of that Government, cannot obliterate responsibilities arising from such co-operations and/or indifference towards them.

Therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran expects the Government of Kuwait, in order to prove its claims of neutrality, to take appropriate measures to prevent further occurrence of such flights.

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign Ministry of Kuwait the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hoping for the victory of the oppressed over the oppressors.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of
the Islamic Republic of Iran
