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LETTER DATED 13 JULY 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message from
H.E. Mr. Phoumi Vongvichith, Acting President of the Lao People's Democratic
Republic, addressed to H.E. Sayed Ali Khamenei, President of the Islamic Republic
of Iran, on the occasion of the destruction of the Iranian civilian aircraft on
3 July 1988 by the American warship.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and of
its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Message from the Acting President of the Lao People's Democratic
Republic addressed to the President of the Islamic Republic
of Iran

We were profoundly sad to learn of the destruction of the Iranian civilian aircraft on 3 July 1988 above the Persian Gulf by the American warship. This tragedy, which cost the lives of 298 passengers and crew members, is the direct consequence of the policy of force pursued by a great Power in that region. The Lao Government hopes that the dangerous situation prevailing in that region can be defused, in order to prevent another tragedy.

On behalf of the people and Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and in my personal capacity, I share the profound sorrow of the Iranian people and Government and of the grieving families.

Phoumi VONGVICHITH
Acting President of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic

