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LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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 enclose herewith the text of a letter dated 17 July 1988 from His Excellency, Hojjatoleslam Seyed Ali Khamenei, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to Your Excellency.

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

(Signed) Mohammad Ja'afar MAHALLATI
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 17 July 1988 from the President of the Islamic
Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

Please accept my warm greetings with best wishes for Your Excellency's success in efforts to establish peace and justice.

As you are well aware, the fire of the war which was started by the Iraqi régime on 22 September 1980 through an aggression against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran has now gained unprecedented dimensions, bringing other countries into the war and even engulfing innocent civilians.

The killing of 290 innocent human beings, caused by the shooting down of an airbus aircraft of the Islamic Republic of Iran by one of the American warships in the Persian Gulf is a clear manifestation of this contention.

Under these circumstances, Your Excellency's efforts for the implementation of resolution 598 (1987) is of particular importance. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always provided you with its assistance and support to achieve this objective. In this context, we have decided to declare officially that the Islamic Republic of Iran - because of the importance it attaches to saving the lives of human beings and the establishment of justice and regional and international peace and security - accepts Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

We hope that the official declaration of this position by the Islamic Republic of Iran will assist you in continuing your efforts, which have always received our support and appreciation.

Seyed Ali KHAMENEI
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

