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POLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic on the current possibilities of ending of the Iran-Iraq war - published in the Polish press on 30 July 1988.

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

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

It is with satisfaction that Poland welcomes the acceptance by the Government of Iran of the United Nations Security Council resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987. This resolution defines the necessary conditions for terminating the destructive war which has been continuing for almost eight years now and for restoring peace in the region.

I wish to recall that for a long time Poland in its external relations has manifested its very strong objection towards this war, has appealed for a speedy halting of the military actions and the comprehensive implementation of the provision of resolution 598 (1987).

Poland has also rendered its full support to the Secretary-General's mediation efforts. At present we reaffirm this support with the utmost decisiveness. Following the Secretary-General's proposals, we are considering the participation of Polish army officers in the United Nations Military Observers Group.

We assess that, in the aftermath of Iran's decision, favourable conditions for terminating the war in a just way have been created. We appeal to Iran and Iraq to introduce the cease-fire immediately, to withdraw their troops to international frontiers and to start peace negotiations.

Poland has been interested in developing friendly and mutually beneficial relations with all the Gulf countries and declares its readiness to proceed with it.

