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Letter dated 11 August 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose the text of a communiqué issued by the Argentine Government on 8 August 1988 concerning the cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq conflict and the approval of Security Council resolution 618 (1988).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly at its forty-second session, under agenda item 47, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Marcelo E. R. DELPECH
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Communiqué issued by the Argentine Government on 8 August 1988

The Argentine Government expresses its profound satisfaction at the successful outcome of the efforts by the United Nations to bring about a cease-fire between Iran and Iraq, as well as at the forthcoming opening of negotiations designed to permit the full implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987). Argentina, which is a member of the Council and has traditionally maintained relations with the two countries in question, welcomes these important steps forward, and trusts that both parties will continue to co-operate in the search for a negotiated, just and honourable solution to their differences.

The Argentine Government has for its part accepted the invitation to participate in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group established under Security Council resolution 619 (1988). This acceptance reflects Argentina's firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter in general, and to the praiseworthy cause of international peace and security in particular.

Lastly, the Argentine Government wishes to emphasize the valuable and untiring efforts of the Secretary-General in relation to the implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987). These efforts, which meet with Argentina's firm support, constitute an important contribution to the establishment of a lasting peace between Iran and Iraq.
