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PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration made on behalf of the twelve member States of the European Communities, on the Iran-Iraq conflict.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the said text circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Declaration made by the twelve States members of the
European Community on the Iran-Iraq conflict in
Athens on 10 August 1988

"The Twelve welcome the announcement of a cease-fire in the Iraq-Iran conflict to take effect from 20 August. They applaud the decision of the Governments of Iraq and Iran to accept this cease-fire, to be followed by direct talks under the auspices of the U.N. Secretary-General, leading to the full implementation of all the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598. They call for maximum restraint from both sides while the cease-fire is not officially in force.

The Twelve pay tribute to the U.N. Secretary-General for his untiring efforts and dedication which, with the cooperation of the parties involved, led to this historic decision.

The success of the Secretary-General's efforts contributes to the prestige of the United Nations and paves the way for an increasing role of the Organisation in maintaining international peace and security.

The Twelve remain determined to support the work of the U.N. Secretary-General to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement to the conflict, leading to the restoration of peace and security in the region."

