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Letter dated 7 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the telegram dated 7 February 1983 addressed to you by Mr. Tareq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the recent iniquitous Iranian aggression against Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter and the attached telegram as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Telegram dated 7 February 1983 from the Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw attention to the fact that official Iraqi sources at the highest level have repeatedly warned of the Iranian régime's intentions of launching a new large-scale attack for the purpose of crossing the Iraqi frontiers and threatening the sovereignty and security of Iraq. That is what actually happened on the night of 6/7 February 1983, when the forces of this régime launched a desperate attack on Misan Province, Al-Shib District. During the morning of 7 February 1983, the Iranian régime issued a communiqué in which it indicated that its forces had begun the first stage of the attack the previous night and announced that its forces had crossed the Iraqi frontiers and were in the process of making their advance in accordance with the objectives set forth for their operations.

In drawing attention to these events, we emphasize once again the gravity of the matter and its disastrous consequences for the security and stability of the region if Iranian aggression is allowed to persist in its schemes against Iraq and their implementation.

We are fully confident that the international community, which has expressed its will through Security Council resolutions 514 (1982) and 522 (1982), adopted unanimously, and General Assembly resolution 37/3 of 22 October 1982, which calls for an immediate cease-fire, withdrawal of forces to internationally recognized boundaries and settlement of the dispute by peaceful means in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, recognizes the grave dimensions of the continuation of Iranian aggression. The international community is, therefore, called upon to strive by the various means possible to condemn this aggression and to prevent its continuation, in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly, in order to preserve international peace and security and in the desire to see friendly relations and harmony prevail and to strengthen the principle of good-neighbourliness between States, in implementation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

At the same time as I inform you that the Iraqi armed forces have been able to repel and demolish the first wave of the Iranian attack, I wish to state that the Iraqi Government would welcome any positive step on the part of the United Nations that would promote greater participation in the finding of a peaceful, just and honourable settlement of the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Tareq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
