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Note verbale dated 14 February 1983 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to send him herewith a message from His Excellency Mr. Saddam Hussain, the President of the Republic of Iraq, on the final communiqué issued at Damascus on 23 January 1983 by the representatives of the Government of Syria, the Government of Libya and the Iranian régime.

The Permanent Mission of Iraq requests that the enclosed message be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 64 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Letter dated 25 January 1983 from the President of the Republic
of Iraq to the Secretary-General

I would like to refer you to the joint communiqué issued by official representatives of the Government of Syria, the Government of Libya and the Iranian régime which was broadcast in Damascus and published by the official Syrian information media on 23 January 1983. The communiqué, which may have been brought to your attention, contained a declared official position calling for the overthrow of the régime in our country.

This conduct on the part of Governments of States Members of the United Nations is in flagrant contradiction of the Charter of the United Nations and the most basic principles and concepts of international relations.

What makes this conduct all the more dangerous is that it has come a few months after the unanimous adoption of Security Council resolutions 514 (1982) of 12 July 1982 and 522 (1982) of 4 October 1982 and resolution 37/3 of 22 October 1982, adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, which called for an immediate cease-fire, the withdrawal of forces to internationally recognized boundaries and the settlement of the dispute through peaceful means in conformity with the principles of justice and international law.

The communiqué fully contravenes the provisions of those resolutions, which call in their operative paragraphs upon all States to abstain from all actions which could contribute to the continuation of the conflict and to facilitate the implementation of those resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

This conduct on the part of the above States Members of the United Nations is in flagrant violation of the provisions of Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations which require Member States to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council.

This conduct will undoubtedly further escalate tension in our sensitive region and will adversely affect international peace and security. In bringing this matter to your attention, we hope that, proceeding from your position of responsibility towards international relations and in order to preserve the norms of relations among States, you will adopt the position you deem appropriate and in line with the purposes of the United Nations and the principles of its Charter.

(Signed) Saddam HUSSAIN
President of the Republic of Iraq
