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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF
WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE
REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/19420 of 11 January 1988, S/19420/Add.7 of 25 February 1988, S/19420/Add.11 of 25 March 1988, S/19420/Add.16 of 28 April 1988 and S/19420/Add.28 of 22 July 1988.

During the week ending 13 August 1988, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation between Iran and Iraq (see S/13737/Add.38, S/13737/Add.39, S/13737/Add.41, S/13737/Add.42, S/13737/Add.43, S/14840/Add.28, S/14840/Add.40, S/15560/Add.44, S/16270/Add.12, S/16880/Add.9, S/16880/Add.16, S/17725/Add.7, S/17725/Add.8, S/17725/Add.11, S/17725/Add.39, S/17725/Add.40, S/17725/Add.51, S/18570/Add.29, S/18570/Add.51, S/19420/Add.11 and S/19420/Add.19).

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2823rd meeting, held on 8 August 1988, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's consultations.

In the course of the meeting, the President, on behalf of the Security Council, invited the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the representative of Iraq to take places at the Council table.

The Secretary-General made the following statement (S/20095):

"Members of the Council are aware that, over the past two weeks, I have been engaged in intensive diplomatic activity aimed at achieving the implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

"As a result of these efforts and in exercise of the mandate given to me by the Security Council, I now call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq to observe a cease-fire and to discontinue all military action on land, at sea and in the air as of 0300 GMT on 20 August 1988. I have been assured by the two parties to the conflict that they will observe this cease-fire in the context of the full implementation of resolution 598.

"The Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq have also agreed to the deployment of United Nations observers as of the time and date of the cease-fire.

"I shall extend to the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the Republic of Iraq a formal invitation to send their representatives to Geneva on 25 August for direct talks under my auspices. I am sending letters in this connection to both sides.

"On the date of the cease-fire, I shall confirm that I am making the necessary preparations aimed at carrying out the mandate entrusted to me by the resolution under the various operative paragraphs, in particular paragraphs 4, 6, 7 and 8.

"I note that military activity has decreased in the past few days. I wish on this occasion, however, to appeal to all concerned, in the strongest possible terms, to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain forthwith from any hostile activity on land, at sea and in the air, in the period before entry into effect of the cease-fire.

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts made by the parties, the members of the Security Council and others over the past weeks. I am confident that I shall be able to count on the continuing co-operation of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq when we convene in Geneva.

"The restoration of peace will bring to the peoples of both countries victories far greater than those of war."

Subsequently, the President stated that, following consultations of the Council, he had been authorized to make the following statement (S/20096) on behalf of the Security Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the statement just made by the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987 on the Iran/Iraq conflict.

"The Council endorses the Secretary-General's announcement that the cease-fire demanded in the resolution shall come into effect at 0300 hours GMT on 20 August 1988, and that direct talks under his auspices between the two parties shall begin on 25 August.

"The Council further endorses the appeal of the Secretary-General to both parties to exercise the utmost restraint and expects them to refrain from all hostile activities in the period before the entry into effect of the cease-fire.

"The Council reiterates its determination that its resolution 598 (1987) be fully implemented as an integral whole and reaffirms its full support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to this end."

At its 2824th meeting, held on 9 August 1988, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's consultations, the Security Council resumed its consideration of the item, having before it the report of the Secretary-General (S/20093) on the implementation of operative paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

In the course of the meeting, the President, on behalf of the Security Council, invited the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the representative of Iraq to take places at the Council table.

The President called attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/20097), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/20097) and adopted it unanimously as resolution 619 (1988).

Resolution 619 (1988) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 598 (1987),

1. Approves the report of the Secretary-General contained in document S/20093 on the implementation of operative paragraph 2 of resolution 598 (1987);
2. Decides to set up immediately, under its authority, a United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to this effect in accordance with his above-mentioned report;
3. Further decides that UNIIMOG shall be established for a period of six months, unless the Council decides otherwise;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of further developments.

