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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement made today,  
9 August 1988, by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's  
Democratic Republic of Algeria, following the peaceful resolution of the conflict  
between Iran and Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for that statement to be circulated  
as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hocine DJOUDI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement made on 9 August 1988 by the spokesman for the Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs of Algeria, following the peaceful resolution  
of the conflict between Iran and Iraq

Algeria has learned with immense satisfaction of the announcement by the United Nations Secretary-General of the acceptance by Iran and Iraq of a cease-fire between them.

Algeria warmly congratulates its two brother countries on their courageous, far-sighted and responsible attitude and hopes most earnestly to see this step open the way to the restoration of understanding and concord between Iran and Iraq and the return of the Gulf to stability and its proper role, as a setting for understanding, exchange and co-operation.

Algeria also congratulates the Secretary-General of the United Nations on this happy achievement which has rewarded his patience, perseverance and courage and hence provides glowing testimony to the irreplaceable capacity of the United Nations to promote peace and security among nations when it has the means to do so and has the requisite good will to back it up.

The anguished and impatient expectations of all those who were dismayed by the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq conflict and its subsequent developments has today come to a happy end. Once definitive peace is restored between Iran and Iraq in equity, law and order, the two countries, indissolubly united by a common host of challenges to take up and a common host of destinies to attain, cannot but resume their entire former roles in upholding and defending the essential causes espoused by the Ummah of Islam, which has been only too long weakened, and whose precious capacities and resources have been too long diverted, by the fratricidal conflict.

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