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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Tehran Radio broadcast an interview with Mohsen Rafiqdust, the Minister of the Revolutionary Guards in the Tehran Government, on 2 September 1988. Among the many subjects of which he spoke, there was no indication of any intention to work towards peace.

Minister Rafiqdust once again urged members of Iran's population to go to the battle fronts and to prepare to fight against Iraq. He said: "We welcome any requirement to carry out operations, so that we can show the enemy what position we are in." He went on to say: "For devotees of the Party of God, to remain still is much more difficult than a state of war. We want them to endure these difficulties and to be fully prepared in order that we may impose peace on the enemy by means of our strength and our power."

It is thus clear that the peace to which the Iranian régime aspires is a peace imposed by force of arms rather than a comprehensive and just peace which is attained by means of direct negotiations and which guarantees the legitimate rights of both parties to the conflict.

Following a review in detail of Iran's military industries, and of current preparations to supply the country's forces with the arms manufactured by those industries prior to a further round of hostilities, the Iranian Minister said: "There is also the CBN group of industries (i.e. the chemical, bacteriological, biological and nuclear industries)."

The issuance of such a blatant statement by this Iranian official only serves to reflect Iran's hypocritical and deceitful practice of directing false accusations against Iraq at a time when it has been proceeding, and continues to proceed, to manufacture weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons. Indeed, the Minister stated in the course of his speech: "We have no scientific problem with respect to the production of chemical weapons."

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The Iranian Minister's statement also reflects that régime's absolute contempt for international conventions and treaties. At the same time that he announces the manufacture of nuclear weapons, he disregards the fact that Iran is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, in which it undertook not to seek to acquire or to manufacture such weapons. He also announces the production of bacteriological and biological weapons without regard for the fact that Iran is a party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, which came into effect in 1975. The Iranian régime thus once again demonstrates, through a statement by one of its officials, its lack of faith in peace and lack of respect for international treaties and conventions. What it is really trying to obtain when it speaks of peace is simply a truce from which it can profit in order to rebuild its forces and to arm them with all types of weapons, including chemical, bacteriological and even nuclear weapons, with a view to launching further armed aggression against Iraq.

The serious nature of this information made it essential that we should inform you and request you to circulate the information to members of the Security Council.

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