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LETTER DATED 14 JULY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 29 June 1983 addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations (S/15851).

The letter contains outrageous discrepancies, contradictions and deliberate distortions.

It is well known that the mission was dispatched by the Secretary-General upon the request of Iran. The Iranian letter makes it clear that Iran is not satisfied with the outcome of the work of the mission. It is strange that the Iranians should state that they requested the mission to stay in Iraq as long as necessary and complain no less than five times in their letter about the shortness of the time spent by the mission in Iran and that other major sites were not visited owing to lack of time, and that "the Moslem people of Iran stand ready to welcome any other fact-finding mission dispatched by the Secretary-General with enough time". This is, indeed, a true reflection of the "bazaar mentality" of the Iranian régime.

Furthermore, the letter deliberately distorts the report of the mission when it alleges that in the case of Pol-e-Dokhtar the report states that "Iraqi pilots have even deliberately and repeatedly machine-gunned innocent people who had gathered to rescue victims of aerial bombardment". This allegation is presented in the Iranian letter as if it were that of the mission, whereas, in fact, the report of the mission did not contain such a conclusion.

As Iraq accepted the Security Council resolution 479 (1980) of 28 September 1980, which called on both parties to refrain immediately from any further use of armed force and settle their dispute by peaceful means, and Iran rejected it, Iran stands solely responsible for the continuation of the war and the resulting destruction since the above-mentioned date. This position has already been conveyed to Your Excellency in my letter of 10 June 1983, which was distributed in document S/15826 of 14 June 1983.

It is now more than evident to all Members of the United Nations and, in particular, the members of the Security Council, that the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq continues solely because of Iran's violations of its Charter obligations to settle the conflict through peaceful means. In contrast, Iraq, as is well known, has repeatedly expressed its readiness to abide by its obligations under the Charter.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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