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IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, dated 5 May 1983 (S/15747).

The Iranian letter is a further example of the hypocritical nature and perfidious conduct of the Iranian régime and adds nothing new to the contents of the letters sent recently by the representative of that régime, to which I replied in detail in my letter dated 2 May 1983 (A/38/177-S/15743).

On this occasion, we should like to challenge the Permanent Representative of Iran to reaffirm, if he can, to the United Nations that the armed forces of his régime did not bombard Iraqi cities with heavy artillery on 4 September 1980, thus openly engaging in armed aggression against Iraq, and that bombardment of this kind by the aggressor forces of Iran has not been a daily procedure, particularly since the withdrawal of the Iraqi forces to the internationally recognized frontier in June 1982.

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

(Signed) Dr. Riyadh AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative of Iraq