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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the Friday sermon given by Rafsanjani, President of the Iranian Parliament, as broadcast by Radio Tehran on 29 January 1988, at 6.45 p.m. local time, from which the following passage is an extract:

"... I shall speak to you of the morale of our sons and the morale of the enemy. Seven Iraqis surrendered to two of our combatants, whom I know personally. They are schoolboys, not yet 17, who succeeded in taking seven prisoners although they had only one gun between them and had walked seven kilometres. When I asked them whether they were not afraid of attacking the enemy in this way, they answered me that they were capable of destroying an entire column."

You will observe from this typical sermon of Iranian propaganda that a senior Iranian official openly acknowledges and states what news bulletins have been reporting for a long time, namely that the Iranian régime is sending young people to the front, thereby demonstrating its inhumane character and its refusal to uphold all the moral and juridical principles and committing the worst crimes in order to continue its war of aggression and expansion against Iraq and the countries of the régime.

We do not doubt that the international community condemns the inhumane practices of the Iranian régime, and we request the United Nations as a whole and the Security Council in particular to induce the Iranian régime not to persist in the war of aggression and expansion by imposing on it the measures provided for in the Charter of the United Nations in accordance with Security Council resolution 598 (1987), which has binding force.

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

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