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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1974 FROM THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF  
IRAQ ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations contained in document S/11313 and enclosing a statement of his Government concerning Security Council resolution 348 (1974) of 28 May 1974, I have the honour to inform you and the members of the Council that, upon the adoption of that resolution, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq promptly notified the Secretary-General of the Iraqi Government's acceptance of the resolution and its readiness to implement all the provisions of the resolution with sincerity and goodwill. Further confirmation of Iraq's positive response was circulated in document S/11306 dated 31 May 1974.

The Iranian Government's statement, to our regret, is unco-operative and clearly contradicts the letter and the spirit of the decisions of the Security Council. In the consensus adopted by the Council on 28 February 1974 (S/11229), paragraph 2 stated that the Security Council "believes that it is important to deal with a situation which could endanger peace and stability in the region". The consensus thus confirms the fact that the dispute is a matter of primary concern to the Security Council. In resolution 348 (1974), the Council welcomes an early resumption of conversations with a view to a comprehensive settlement of all bilateral issues, "without any preconditions". It is to be noted that the Iranian Government's statement constitutes in itself a precondition for the acceptance of resolution 348 (1974) by Iran.

Iraq still hopes, however, that the Iranian Government, in declaring its acceptance of the resolution, will fulfil its obligations under that resolution in a spirit of goodwill and co-operation.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Wissam ZAHAWIE  
Deputy Representative of Iraq  
on the Security Council