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OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

The office of the Iraqi Chief of General Staff issued a statement on 16 December 1974 concerning the shooting down of two Iraqi planes flying at a high altitude within Iraqi air space in northern Iraq by United States-made Hawk missiles supplied to and used by the Iranian armed forces on 14 and 15 December 1974.

The Security Council has been informed on various occasions of some aspects of the recurrent Iranian acts of aggression against Iraq, the latest of which was the shelling of the Qala Diza area on 29, 30 and 31 October 1974, with heavy artillery of 175-mm- and 203-mm-calibre guns, which are also of United States manufacture supplied to and used by the Iranian armed forces. The source of such rockets and missiles hardly requires any evidence; such heavy weapons can be possessed and used only by States having regular forces and massive financing.

Ever since its unilateral abrogation of the Boundary Treaty of 1937 between the two countries, Iran, backed by the forces of imperialism, has resorted to acts of infringement, violation and encroachment against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, whether on its eastern frontier or its national waters, interfering thereby in the internal affairs of Iraq on various pretexts, ignoring every international custom and violating the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of international law and the provisions of the Treaty of 1937. In following such a policy, Iran is fully aware of the fact that it is committing aggression against an independent neighbour State and a founding Member of the United Nations.

Iraq would like to bring to the attention of the Security Council the grave consequences ensuing from the encroachments and acts of aggression by Iran against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq. The consequences of the acts committed by Iran are of such gravity that they threaten peace and security in the area.

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The Government of the Republic of Iraq has stated its resolve and determination to safeguard the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the homeland and to preserve its full rights. The Government of Iraq holds the Iranian Government and those who stand behind it responsible for the consequences and results of the encroachments and acts of aggression it commits.

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

(Signed) Abdul Karim AL-SHAIKHLY
Permanent Representative
