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LETTER DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of five notes verbales and their annexes from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Algeria for transmittal to the United States Department of State concerning violations of international law by the United States fleet stationed in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annexes were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Note dated 1 September 1988 from the Interests Section of the
Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Algeria
at Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Algeria and has the honour to refer to the attached messages, in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that original text of the messages be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to the information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 10 April 1988 at 0920 hours, United States warship No. 19, in violation of the principles of established international law by its aggression upon the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft not to get closer to the warship.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such unjustifiable actions by United States warships and insistingly requests that these acts be immediately terminated since they are contrary to the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Annex II

Note dated 5 October 1988 from the Interests Section of the
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at Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft on the dates specified and at the times stated below:

A. Warnings by United States warships

1. On 14 April 1988 at 0924 hours, United States warship No. 975 at the position 2501 N and 5725 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2510 N and 5724 E, not to get closer to the warship.
2. On 15 April 1988 at 1703 hours, a United States warship at the position 2417 N and 5956 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2358 N and 6020 E, that if it wanted to stay out of danger, then it should return towards 30 degrees and fly on that course.
3. On 16 April 1988 at 0929 hours, United States warship No. 65 at the position 2430 N and 5921 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2434 N and 5914 E, not to get closer to the warship.
4. On 16 April 1988 at 1533 hours, United States warship No. 967 at the position 2620 N and 5550 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2621 N and 5538 E, not to get closer to the warship.
5. On 17 April 1988 at 1702 hours, a United States warship at the position 2425 N and 5930 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2439 N and 5912 E, to change its course.
6. On 18 April 1988 at 0913 hours, United States warship No. 1063 at the position 2610 N and 5645 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2610 N and 5652 E, not to get closer to the warship.
7. On 18 April 1988 at 0947 hours, United States warship No. 65 at the position 2425 N and 5925 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2450 N and 5835 E, not to get closer to the warship.
8. On 19 April 1988 at 1741 hours, a United States warship at the position 2652 N and 5130 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2730 N and 5140 E, not to get closer to the warship.
9. On 30 April 1988 at 1312 hours, a United States warship at the position 2445 N and 5928 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2457 N and 5958 E, not to get closer to the warship.
10. On 7 May 1988 at 1115 hours, a United States warship at the position 2530 N and 5702 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2536 N and 5708 E, to change its course.

B. Chasing of aircraft

1. On 15 April 1988 at 1655 hours, a United States A-7 aircraft at the position 2411 N and 5956 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 31 minutes.
2. On 15 April 1988 at 1656 hours, a United States S-3 aircraft at the position 2408 N and 5951 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 28 minutes.
3. On 16 April 1988 at 0903 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft at the position 2458 N and 5808 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 5 minutes.
4. On 17 April 1988 at 1646 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft, numbered 107 and 202, at the position 2447 N and 5808 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 22 minutes.
5. On 18 April 1988 at 0938 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft at the position 2502 N and 5758 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 27 minutes.
6. On 30 April 1988 at 1343 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft at the position 2513 N and 5830 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 5 minutes.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States.

Annex III

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships, in violation of the principles of international law, have perpetrated aggression upon the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran and have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, which were flying over the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the following dates at the indicated times.

1. On 17 April 1988 at 1105 hours, a United States warship at the position 2624 N and 5602 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, flying over the Islamic Republic of Iran's territorial sea, whose position was 2624 N and 5548 E, not to get closer to the warship.
2. On 1 May 1988 at 1247 hours, a United States warship at the position 2545 N and 5647 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, flying over the Islamic Republic of Iran's territorial sea, whose position was 2535 N and 5734 E, not to get closer to the warship.
3. On 5 May 1988 at 0921 hours, a United States warship at the position 2512 N and 5642 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, flying over the Islamic Republic of Iran's territorial sea, whose position was 2551 N and 5714 E, not to get closer to the warship.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such unjustifiable actions of the United States warships, and insistingly requests that these actions, which are contrary to the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran, comes to an end.

Annex IV

Note dated 28 September 1988 from the Interests Section of the
Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Algeria
at Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 30 April 1988 at 0910 hours an SR-71 United States aircraft at an altitude of between 65,000 and 70,000 feet and at a speed of 1,100 miles per hour violated the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran from Bandar-e-Taheri to the Chabahar region.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests this action of the United States aircraft which is an open aggression against the sovereignty of an independent State.

Evidently the United States Government will be directly responsible for any repetition of this type of action.

Annex V

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft on the specified dates and hours.

A. Warnings by United States war ships

1. On 13 December 1987 at 0919 hours, a United States warship at the position 2445 N and 5805 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2551 N and 5754 E, not to get closer to the warship.
2. On 20 March 1988 at 0917 hours, United States warship No. 976 at the position 2515 N and 5702 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2521 N and 5709 E, not to get closer to the warship.
3. On 25 March 1988 at 0623 hours, a United States warship at the position 2345 N and 5935 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2416 N and 5842 E, not to get closer to the warship.
4. On 2 April 1988 at 1620 hours, a United States warship at the position 2455 N and 5715 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2501 N and 5717 E, not to get closer to the warship.
5. On 2 April 1988 at 1641 hours, a United States warship at the position 2420 N and 5747 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2431 N and 5717 E, not to get closer to the warship.
6. On 10 April 1988 at 0910 hours, United States warship No. 58 at the position 2500 N and 5705 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2521 N and 5700 E, not to get closer to the warship.
7. On 10 April 1988 at 0915 hours, United States warship No. 41 at the position 2501 N and 5650 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2503 N and 5710 E, not to get closer to the warship.
8. On 10 April 1988 at 1105 hours, United States warship No. 1063 at the position 2510 N and 5640 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2530 N and 5705 E, not to get closer to the warship.
9. On 11 April 1988 at 0844 hours, United States warship No. 1063 at the position 2548 N and 5648 E warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was 2546 N and 5652 E, not to get closer to the warship.

B. Chasing by United States aircraft

1. On 25 March 1988 at 1605 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft at the position 2455 N and 5745 E chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 10 minutes.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States.

