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**Letter dated 29 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith the text of that part of a press release, issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its ninety-first session, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Saturday, 30 June 2004, which relates to the question of the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates, namely the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Abdulaziz Nasser R. **Al-Shamsi**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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As regards the continued occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three islands of the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, which belong to the United Arab Emirates, the Council:

- Reiterated its firm and well-known positions, affirmed in all its previous statements on the subject, in support of the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over the three occupied islands of the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa and their territorial waters, airspace, continental shelf and exclusive economic zone, considering them an inseparable part of the United Arab Emirates.
- Expressed its regret at the failure of contacts with the Islamic Republic of Iran thus far to produce any results that might actively contribute towards the resolution of this dispute and hence to security and stability in the region, yet remains hopeful that ongoing contacts might lead to the desired positive results.
- Stressed the need for the continued examination of all peaceful means of restoring the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands.

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