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LETTER DATED 12 DECEMBER 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 11 December 1988 addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, I should like to inform you that the French news agency, in a report from Teheran on 7 December 1988, quoted Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying in the course of a public meeting with officials of the "Army of Reconstruction" that "the possibility of resuming the war should not be ignored".

The Reuters agency also carried a report from the Iranian news agency on the same day, which quoted Rafsanjani as saying: "It is not possible to consider any building project for the Army of Reconstruction except the war. We must give more consideration to this because of the probability that the war will resume."

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Sabah Talat KADRAT Chargé d'affaires a.i.

