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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of three notes verbales from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Washington, D.C., concerning violations of international law by the United States fleet in the Persian Gulf.

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

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States aircraft, by violating the principles of all international law, have aggressed upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran and have aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

1. On 18 April 1988 at 0839 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 3,000 feet and at a speed of 100 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of Abu Musa Island.
2. On 18 April 1988 at 0900 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 15,000 feet and at a speed of 480 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
3. On 18 April 1988 at 0950 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 10,000 feet and at a speed of 240 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the mouth of the Strait of Hormoz.
4. On 18 April 1988 at 1150 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 3,000 feet and at a speed of 120 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Sirri Island.
5. On 18 April 1988 at 1238 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 4,000 feet and at a speed of 120 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran at Sirri Island.
6. On 18 April 1988 at 1400 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 18,000 feet and at a speed of 360 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 15 miles to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
7. On 18 April 1988 at 1544 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 27,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran around Jask.
8. On 18 April 1988 at 1600 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 18,000 feet and at a speed of 300 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran around Tonb-e-Bozorg Island.
9. On 18 April 1988 at 1610 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 23,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran around Jask.
10. On 18 April 1988 at 1900 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 24,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the islands of Larak and Qeshm.

11. On 18 April 1988 at 1917 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 15,000 feet and at a speed of 360 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the islands of Qeshm and Larak.
12. On 18 April 1988 at 2055 hours, six United States aircraft at an altitude of 30,000 feet and at a speed of 400 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran around Jask.
13. On 18 April 1988 at 2115 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet and at a speed of 360 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, east of the Strait of Hormoz.
14. On 18 April 1988 at 2127 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet and at a speed of 480 miles per hour aggressed upon the east of the Larak Island.
15. On 18 April 1988 at 2247 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 22,000 feet and at a speed of 360 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran around Jask.
16. On 19 April 1988 at 0900 hours, three United States aircraft at an altitude of 25,000 feet and at a speed of 400 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the islands of Larak and Hormoz.
17. On 19 April 1988 at 1712 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet and at a speed of 480 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the Province of Hormorzgan, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
18. On 19 April 1988 at 1825 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 27,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
19. On 21 April 1988 at 1310 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 18,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the west of Jask.
20. On 21 April 1988 at 1326 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 18,000 feet and at a speed of 420 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of Jask.
21. On 21 April 1988 at 1650 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet and at a speed of 120 miles per hour aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the islands of Qeshm and Larak.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests these actions by the United States aircraft which are an open aggression against the sovereignty of an independent State. Evidently, the Government of the United States would be held directly accountable for the repetition of any such actions.

Annex II

Note dated 24 October 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, United States aircraft, by violating the principles of all international law, have aggressed upon the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the following dates and hours:

1. On 24 April 1988 at 1940 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 27,000 feet at a speed of 420 miles per hour has aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the Ras-Al-Kuh region.
2. On 24 April 1988 at 2045 hours, four United States aircraft at an altitude of 21,000 feet at a speed of 360 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
3. On 2 May 1988 at 0050 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 30,000 feet at a speed of 450 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the north-west of Jask.
4. On 2 May 1988 at 2332 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 25,000 feet at a speed of 480 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
5. On 2 May 1988 at 2350 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 25,000 feet at a speed of 400 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
6. On 17 May 1988 at 0843 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet at a speed of 420 nautical miles per hour has aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran from Ras-Al-Kuh to Hengam Island.
7. On 17 May 1988 at 0853 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet at a speed of 420 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran from Ras-Al-Kuh to Qeshm Island.
8. On 17 May 1988 at 0950 hours, two United States aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 feet at a speed of 420 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the islands of Tonb-e-Bozorg, Qeshm and Larak.

9. On 28 May 1988 at 1131 hours, three United States aircraft at an altitude of 27,000 feet at a speed of 420 nautical miles per hour have aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the east of the Strait of Hormoz.
10. On 30 May 1988 at 1600 hours, a United States aircraft at an altitude of 18,000 feet at a speed of 420 nautical miles per hour has aggressed into the airspace of the territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 60 miles to the east of Jask.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests such illegal actions by United States aircraft which are nothing except open aggressions against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of an independent State. Evidently, the Government of the United States will be held directly accountable for the repetition of any such actions.

Annex III

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States fleet positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for and/or chased the Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft on the following dates and hours:

A. Warnings by United States warships

1. On 5 June 1988 at 0949 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2634 and E 5644, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2631 and E 5628, not to get closer to the warship.
2. On 7 June 1988 at 1125 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2600 and E 5528, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2615 and E 5520, not to get closer to the warship.
3. On 7 June 1988 at 1525 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2625 and E 5635, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2636 and E 5648, not to get closer to the warship.
4. On 9 June 1988 at 1115 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2526 and E 5700, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2530 and E 5715, not to get closer to the warship.
5. On 9 June 1988 at 1240 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2515 and E 5645, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2525 and E 5700, not to get closer to the warship.
6. On 9 June 1988 at 1250 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2515 and E 5645, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2523 and E 5700, not to get closer to the warship.
7. On 11 June 1988 at 1013 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2540 and E 5640, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2540 and E 5700, not to get closer to the warship.
8. On 24 June 1988 at 1600 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2605 and E 5535, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2614 and E 5520, not to get closer to the warship.
9. On 26 June 1988 at 1122 hours, a United States warship, at the position of N 2540 and E 5647, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N 2605 and E 5659, not to get closer to the warship.

B. Chasing by United States aircraft

1. On 1 June 1988 at 1642 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft numbered 200 and 202, at the position of N 2446 and E 6014, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of eight minutes.

2. On 5 June 1988 at 1529 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft number 110, at the position of N 2500 and E 5754, provocatively chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft by means of a series of instigative wing-to-wing motions for a period of one hour.
3. On 11 June 1988 at 1045 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft number 103, at the position of N 2515 and E 5830, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.
4. On 14 June 1988 at 0943 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft number 101, at the position of N 2516 and E 5752, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 31 minutes.
5. On 14 June 1988 at 1044 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft number 102, at the position of N 2455 and E 5910, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 31 minutes.
6. On 18 June 1988 at 1030 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft, at the position of N 2520 and E 5730, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 120 minutes.
7. On 24 June 1988 at 1135 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft, at the position of N 2500 and E 5750, chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 35 minutes.

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

