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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY  
FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS  
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL  
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Note verbale dated 24 January 1989 from the Permanent Mission  
of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to  
the Centre for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Centre for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith the decision of the Revolutionary Command Council whereby the Council granted a general and collective amnesty to persons who fled for political reasons, whether they are inside Iraq or abroad, and permanently halted all proceedings and prosecutions instituted against them.

The Mission would be most grateful if the Centre for Human Rights would arrange for this decision to be circulated as an official document of the next session of the Commission on Human Rights.

Annex

DECISION No. 860

In accordance with the provisions of article 42 (A) of the Constitution, the Revolutionary Command Council, at its meeting of 30 November 1988, decided as follows:

1. A general and collective amnesty shall be granted to persons who fled for political reasons, whether they are inside Iraq or abroad. All proceedings and prosecutions instituted against them shall be permanently halted.
2. A general and collective amnesty shall be granted to prisoners and detainees sentenced for political reasons against whom final judgements were handed down before the entry into force of this amnesty.
3. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this decision shall apply to the persons concerned, for one month if they are inside Iraq, and for three months if they are abroad, as from the date of entry into force of this decision.
4. This decision shall enter into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. The Ministers and competent authorities shall be responsible for its implementation.

(Signed): SADDAM HUSSEIN

President of the Revolutionary  
Command Council  
30 November 1988

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