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Letter dated 3 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of  
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that this morning Iran launched a new large-scale military attack in the area of Penjween, with the aim, once again, of occupying Iraqi territory.

This new act of aggression, which comes three days after the adoption of Security Council resolution 540 (1983), constitutes a flagrant challenge to the will of the Council and the United Nations. It is also a concrete expression of the spirit of aggression of the Iranian régime, its continuous and flagrant disregard of international obligations and the resolutions of the Council and its scorn of the unanimous agreement of world public opinion regarding the necessity of putting an immediate end to all military operations and resolving the dispute between the two countries peacefully in a manner guaranteeing the legitimate rights of both parties.

Iraq, while engaged in repelling the new Iranian aggression with all its force, wishes to reaffirm what it said in its statement issued on 1 November 1983 to the effect that it reserves its full right to strike at Iranian targets, wherever they may be, in response to the continuous Iranian aggression against Iraq and in order to make the aggressor understand that its aggression will not go unpunished and will cost it dear.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 138, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI  
Permanent Representative