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LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you that Iraqi attacks on civilian targets in Iran, including the use of chemical weapons in some cases, still continue, causing more civilian casualties and more destruction in residential areas in clear contravention of international humanitarian law. On 5 November 1983, the towns of Andimeshk, Masjid Soleiman, Behbahan and Nahavand were once again attacked by Iraqi missiles. The statistics of the losses and destruction in the four cities attacked are as follows:

- (a) Andimeshk: 13 persons martyred, 95 persons injured, 50 houses destroyed and 150 houses damaged;
- (b) Masjid Soleiman: 19 persons martyred, 70 persons injured and 110 houses and public facilities destroyed or damaged;
- (c) Behbahan: 28 persons martyred, 100 persons injured and tens of houses destroyed;
- (d) Nahavand: 15 persons martyred, 315 persons injured, 40 houses destroyed and 40 houses damaged.

There have also been chemical attacks recently on two villages near the town of Baneh causing injury to 31 persons, leading to the death of 4, blinding of several others and severe skin burns coupled with lung injury in all cases.

I would like to request that this letter be distributed as a document of the Security Council, so that it may stand as proof of what the régime of Iraq understands by peace. These attacks, along with other similar attacks, have

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occurred after the Security Council, presided over by Iraq's ally, Jordan, adopted a resolution calling for the cessation of such acts of barbarism, a resolution that Iraq has already declared to have accepted.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran deems it necessary to remind all concerned that this is not the method by which peace can be achieved and that it is time the Security Council stops encouraging the criminals ruling in Iraq to commit such atrocities.

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