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LETTER DATED 7 MARCH 1989 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 transmit herewith a list of Iranian violations of the cease-fire provisions.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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Permanent Representative

Annex

1. On 6 March, at 0020 hours, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of four dump trucks, two excavators, a bulldozer and a road roller was observed carrying out work opposite the Iranian embankment at the co-ordinates 991-748, in the III Army Corps sector (southern sector).

2. They were called upon, through the intermediary of international observers who were present at the time, to stop their operations, but the Iranian side did not comply.

3. Since all efforts by the international observers had been of no avail, our units had no alternative but to open fire to put an end to the operations.

4. The Iranian side returned fire, but our units were able to silence them and the shooting stopped at 1135 hours.

5. At 1712 hours, the Iranians pounded the III Army Corps sector (southern sector) with heavy artillery and rocket launchers; our units had to return fire and the duel lasted a few minutes.

6. It has been observed recently that the Iranian side has intensified engineering operations, and has installed new water pumps in order to continue flooding the southern sector; thus (a) on 5 March, at 0700 hours, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer and four dump trucks was observed reinforcing a road at the co-ordinates 549-218, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of the units of the VII Army Corps (southern sector); (b) on 5 March, at 0800 hours, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of two excavators, two bulldozers, a road roller, 14 dump trucks and a grader was observed repairing a road at the co-ordinates 332-574 and 300-641, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of the units of the VII Army Corps (southern sector); (c) on 6 March, at 0720 hours, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and 17 dump trucks was observed repairing and reinforcing a road at the co-ordinates 432-534 and 535-298, at a distance of 750 metres from the forward perimeter of the units of the VII Army Corps (southern sector); (d) on 6 March, at 0800 hours, a mechanical shovel, two winches and a tow truck with four water pumps on board were observed approaching from the Iranian rear positions, and at 1040 hours a water pump was unloaded for installation at the co-ordinates 952-811 in the III Army Corps sector.

7. The activities carried out by the Iranian side in the central sector have increased: new positions have been established and existing positions have been strengthened; thus on 6 March, the Iranian side established two guard posts at the co-ordinates 156-792 and 155-787, at a distance of 1.5 kilometres from the forward perimeter of the units of the I Special Army Corps (central sector); on 6 March, at 0245 hours, an Iranian patrol consisting of about a dozen persons was observed digging a communications trench on hill No. 570 at the co-ordinates 141-811, at a distance of 1.5 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our units; on 6 March, at 0805 hours, two Iranian patrols, the first consisting of some 15 persons and the

second of seven persons, were observed digging a communications trench and installing two firing positions at hill No. 535 at the co-ordinate 147-805, at a distance of 1,100 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.

8. These Iranian actions are in violation of the cease-fire provisions. Moreover, the Iranian side, contrary to the promises it had made to the representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Jan Elliasson, during his most recent visit to Teheran, is continuing its flooding operations.

