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IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROLONGATION OF THE ARMED  
CONFLICT BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

Letter dated 29 July 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 request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq".

You will find enclosed an explanatory memorandum in accordance with rule 20 of the above-mentioned rules of procedure.

In view of the importance of the subject, my Government requests that the item be discussed by the General Assembly in plenary meeting.

(Signed) Riyadh S. AL-QAYSI  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. On 22 October 1982 the General Assembly adopted resolution 37/3 concerning the consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq. In that resolution, the Assembly considered that the prolongation of the conflict constituted a violation of the obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations. The Assembly further considered that the conflict and its prolongation and escalation, resulting in heavy losses in human lives and considerable material damage in a politically and economically strategic region, endangered international peace and security. It affirmed the necessity of achieving an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of forces to internationally recognized boundaries as a preliminary step towards the settlement of the dispute by peaceful means in conformity with the principles of justice and international law; and called upon all other States to abstain from all actions which could contribute to the continuation of the conflict and to facilitate the implementation of the resolution in question.

2. Iran has stood alone against the will of the international community, which has widely endorsed the above-mentioned principles. It has wilfully persisted in its policy aimed at prolonging and widening the conflict, without regard for the clear international obligations which devolve upon it under the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Accordingly, the General Assembly must, indubitably, as the sole international body encompassing all members of the international community, express its view once again and take the necessary steps, on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations, with regard to the consequences of the Iranian policy aimed at the prolongation of the armed conflict with Iraq and rejection of its settlement by peaceful means. The international community cannot stand by passively in the face of such a vital matter of principle which is closely bound up with the authority of the United Nations and those purposes and principles of its Charter which relate to the maintenance of international peace and security.

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