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LETTER DATED 8 MARCH 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 28 February 1984 addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 February 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

Allow me to send you herewith a tape recording of the address delivered by Mr. Ali Khamenei, President of the Iranian régime and President of the Higher Defence Council, after the Friday prayers held at the University of Tehran on 24 February 1984. I quote below a translation of the Persian text of a passage from Khamenei's speech which clearly reveals the intentions behind the Iranian régime's insistence on continuing its war of aggression against Iraq.

"I call the attention of the public at large to the fact that we are determined to act in the coming stages along another axis after the war. I would like to draw the attention of our sisters and brothers and to remind them of this. The matter concerns the two Majnoon islands situated in the midst of the marshes, because they have a great strategic importance which commands our attention. This is so because it is possible to attack our régime through them, to say nothing of their economic importance in containing a huge oil deposit, the reserves lying beneath them amounting to eight billion barrels which can be extracted from more than 28 wells. By simple calculation, if 200,000 barrels can be extracted per day, then this reserve can continue to be exploited for 60 years."

Iraq has frequently pointed to the covetous ambitions of the Iranian régime for Iraqi territory and resources as a major reason for the war it has been waging against Iraq for the past four years. The above declaration of Khamenei is a clear proof of these ambitions.

I consider it my duty to acquaint you with the contents of Khamenei's speech so that you may be aware of the true nature of the present régime in Tehran and of the reasons for its persistence in continuing its war against Iraq and its desperate attempts to cross the international boundaries and occupy Iraqi territories.

I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
