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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you of four incidents of chemical warfare against the Islamic Republic of Iran. According to Iranian military authorities, the following criminal acts of chemical bombardment were perpetrated by the Iraqi régime during March 1984:

1. On 3 March 1984, at 1900 hours, the gendarmerie company based in Islamieh town was attacked by Iraqi artillery shells and, as a result, a number of personnel suffered dizziness and vomiting.
2. On 15 March 1984, at 2340 hours, a chemical shell was fired at Hosseinieh Station in Khuzestan Province.
3. On 17 March 1984, at 1145 hours, one of the battalions of 33rd Artillery Group situated in the operational area of the Najaf-e-Ashraf was attacked by two Iraqi aircraft and chemical bombs were dropped. That savage chemical bombardment severely wounded 1 officer, 2 non-commissioned officers, 29 soldiers and 1 Basidji combatant.
4. On 20 March 1984, at 1030 hours, the boat crew station of the Islamic Republic navy, situated around Khatam-el-Anbia base, was attacked by an Iraqi aircraft which dropped chemical bombs. As a result, 4 combatants were martyred and 40 were wounded.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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