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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1984 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As the Security Council is aware, in response to my proposal, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of Iraq have given the Secretary-General undertakings that all deliberate military attacks by any means on purely civilian population centres in either country will cease effective 0001 hours GMT on 12 June 1984. The relevant communications are contained in Security Council documents S/16609, S/16610, S/16611, S/16614 and S/16615.

As I stated in my messages to the two Governments, I trust and expect that both sides will scrupulously implement these undertakings. I am gratified that, so far, there has been no incident.

As, however, each of the Governments, in its response, has made independent requests for arrangements to verify compliance with the undertakings, consultations were held with the Permanent Representatives of the two Governments, with a view to working out the measures that might be essential to verify that the commitments are adhered to.

Understandings have now been reached with the Government of Iran and the Government of Iraq. Accordingly, it would be my intention, as an immediate step, to set up simultaneously, as at 15 June 1984, two teams, each consisting of three officers drawn from among the military personnel of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) and one senior official of the United Nations Secretariat. Each team would be ready to proceed to the respective country as soon as so requested by its Government.

The mandate of the teams would be to verify compliance with the undertakings given by the Governments of Iran and of Iraq to end and in the future refrain from initiating, deliberate military attacks, by any means, on purely civilian population centres. The teams, following each inspection of a specific allegation of any violation, would report to me, and it is my intention to keep the Security Council informed of their findings as required and in a timely manner. I would, of course, request assurances from the two Governments that they will provide the

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necessary conditions of safety for the teams while they are in areas subject to hostilities. The concurrence of the contributing countries concerned will be secured.

These arrangements would be kept under constant review in the light of circumstances and in further consultation with all parties concerned.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the urgent attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

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