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Letter dated 19 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour, with reference to the statement made on 8 February 1985 by the spokesman of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Iraqi régime (A/39/864), to draw your attention and that of the international community to the following brief remarks:

1. The Iraqi régime in the above-mentioned statement claims "it did not, and it will not, resort to shelling civilian centres". The report of the United Nations investigation team stationed in Teheran, contained in document S/16897, however, confirms that the foregoing Iraqi claim is a mere lie and proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the criminal régime of Iraq has, in fact, savagely shelled the purely civilian areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran and thus has miserably failed to uphold its own undertaking of 12 June 1984.
2. The Iraqi régime further claims in the said statement: "... the Iranian régime continued to violate it" (the 12 June undertaking). The report of the United Nations investigation team stationed in Baghdad, contained in document S/16750, however, clearly indicates otherwise, and proves that the Iranian Muslim combatants have not shelled any civilian centres in Iraq, and thus fully abided by their undertaking of 12 June 1984.
3. The President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hojjat-ul-Islam Khamenei, on 8 February, on account of the preceding facts, warned the Iraqi régime of a strong reciprocal measure should they continue with their criminal acts of aggression and shelling of innocent civilians.