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Letter dated 27 February 1985 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to recall Your Excellency's humanitarian appeal of 29 June 1984 to the Governments of Iraq and of the Islamic Republic of Iran to declare to you that each undertake a solemn commitment not to use chemical weapons of any kind for any reason.

In response to this appeal, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Hojjat-ul-Islam Seyed Ali Khamanei, in his letter of 2 July 1984 contained in document S/16664, declared to you in part:

"The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, based on its respect for the Islamic and humanitarian principles and in order to reaffirm its good faith, welcomes your appeal and declares that it is fully committed to continue with its policy not to use chemical weapons ... the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to remain strongly against any resort to these inhuman weapons and unconditionally condemns their use."

Bearing in mind that the Iraqi use of chemical weapons against the Islamic Republic of Iran is the first well documented case of such a drastic crime in the history of mankind, the details of which are contained in the report of the United Nations specialist investigation team appointed by the Secretary-General (S/16433), and with reference to our letters of 3 August 1984 (A/39/374-S/16690), 22 October 1984 and 5 February 1985 (A/40/118-S/16941) in which our attempts to have Your Excellency announce the Iraqi response to your appeal have so far

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remained futile, allow me, Mr. Secretary-General, in all fairness, to ask you to provide this Mission, as well as the whole international community, with any kind of reaction you have received from the Iraqi régime to the foregoing appeal.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 63 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fereidoun D. KAMALI
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