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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

The following statement was issued by the President of the Security Council after consultations of the Council held on 5 March 1985:

"As President of the Security Council, I feel it my duty to express alarm over reports that the Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of Iraq are attacking or preparing to attack civilian areas. I appeal to both Governments to exercise restraint and to continue to honour their undertakings to the Secretary-General, made last June, not to attack civilian targets which, until now, have saved thousands of innocent lives."

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