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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 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, and further to my letter of 3 April 1985 (S/17078), I have the honour to invite your attention to the fact that after a two-day interruption in Iraqi attacks on Iranian civilian population centres, during which the Iranian forces halted their retaliatory measures, the criminal Ba'athist régime of Iraq, in contravention of its international obligations and in total disregard for international public opinion, has resumed its anti human attacks against innocent civilians, and has promised many more to come.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has forewarned the international body that under such circumstances, in spite of its inner most desire, it will have to take retaliatory actions as a defensive measure. Therefore, it is the criminal Iraqi régime that has to shoulder the responsibility for the invaluable human losses so inflicted upon both sides.

Due to the absence of the political will on the part of the international body to oblige the Iraqi régime to comply with its international obligations and to respect the rules of international law, the Islamic Republic of Iran is left with no option other than reliance on its own efforts to convince the Ba'athist rulers of Iraq to reconsider their behaviour with regard to the conduct of war.

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

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative