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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my notes of 8 and 9 April 1985 I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

In addition to the cases reported in my note of 9 April 1985, the Ba'athist criminals have resorted to chemical warfare in the following cases:

- 1 - At 15:30 hours of Monday, 8 April 1985 mustard gas delivered through artillery shelling was used in Kushk area, killing and injuring more than 117 people.
- 2 - At 17:45 and again at 23:30 hours of Monday, 8 April 1985 mustard and nerve gases delivered through artillery shelling and aerial bombardment were used in Gofair area, leading to the martyrdom and injury of more than 28 people.
- 3 - At 07:30 hours of Tuesday, 9 April 1985 the same area was the target of mustard and nerve gases which were delivered through artillery shelling. The number of victims has not yet been determined.

It is important to note that while the international community and particularly the Security Council are maintaining an acquiescent silence with regard to those heinous crimes of the Ba'athist régime, the most revered principles of international law are being violated, and increasingly more people are falling victim to the savage Iraqi use of chemical weapons. It is indeed fair to say that such silence has been taken by the Ba'athist criminals in Baghdad as an encouraging sign of international support and those responsible for the immoral and irresponsible inaction of the Council are in fact accomplices in these crimes.

It would be highly appreciated if this note were circulated as a document of the Security Council as well as the Conference on Disarmament.

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