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

Upon instructions from my Government and in light of the recent tragic developments in the Iraqi-imposed war, I have the honour to bring the following to your urgent attention.

On Monday, 8 April 1985 - during Your Excellency's visit to Baghdad - the Iraqi régime used mustard and nerve gases at four points in Badr Operation region in the southern battlefields, including the Hur Al-Hovaizeh area. This most recent use of chemical weapons by the Baathist criminals has taken place despite the Iraqi claim of a unilateral cease-fire during Your Excellency's visit to Iraq. The continued use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi régime, despite your repeated appeals to both parties to refrain from using such illegal weapons, clearly illustrates the criminal nature of the rulers in Baghdad and their total disregard for principles of international law. We call upon the international community, and in particular the Security Council of the United Nations, to condemn these flagrant violations of international humanitarian law and end their acquiescing silence with regard to these crimes. The absence of a responsible reaction on the part of the Security Council with regard to this matter will be taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran and any impartial observer as evidence of its complicity in these heinous crimes. Further details about the extent of casualties will be provided subsequently.

It will be highly appreciated if this note is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

