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LETTER DATED 19 DECEMBER 1989 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 8 December 1989, which was issued as document S/21012 on 8 December 1989. In corroboration of the information contained in it concerning statements by certain officials in the Iranian régime confirming Iran's clear intentions of mobilizing for war with public exercises of which the above-mentioned officials boasted, at 1.30 p.m. (Tehran local time) on 13 December 1989, Tehran radio broadcast the following news report in the Persian language:

"In the fifth stage of the Dhu al-Faqar V manoeuvres, which were carried out effectively and successfully by the participants, inasmuch as the combatants demonstrated precisely, in the use of land-to-sea missiles (called 'Silkworm'), that the purpose of holding the manoeuvres is to test the combat capacity of the missile units of the maritime forces of the Army and the Guard. These units possess good potentials in the field of the use of missiles and radio systems. During the operation in the use of the high-capacity land-to-sea missiles of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the air, sea and land forces of the Army and the Guard, the operations of the disembarkation and dispatch of the forces, the mobilization and the military equipment were carried out well. It should be mentioned that the forces participating in this stage were able to inflict losses on the imaginary enemy by taking over its positions. According to the views of the military experts, the results of this stage of the Dhu al-Faqar V manoeuvres were good because of the co-ordination and co-operation between the forces of the Guard and the Army. Moreover, the participating forces proved their capacity to defend and protect our sea coasts in the waters of the 'Persian' Gulf, the Sea of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz."

The Government of my country wishes to draw your attention to these irregular exercises, which constitute a firm course of the Iranian régime and which support my Government's viewpoint which it communicated to the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative during the talks which took place recently in New York, namely, that the Iranian régime is not working for peace and is not mobilizing its

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people for peace; the contrary is true, as is clear from the report which I have cited in this letter.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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