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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/16880 of 7 January 1985, and S/16880/Add.4 of 13 February 1985.

During the week ending 27 April 1985, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation between Iran and Iraq (see S/13737/Add.38, S/13737/Add.39, S/13737/Add.41, S/13737/Add.42, S/13737/Add.43, S/14840/Add.28, S/14840/Add.40, S/15560/Add.44, S/16270/Add.12 and S/16880/Add.9).

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2576th meeting, held on 25 April 1985, having before it the report of the Secretary-General on his visit to Iran and Iraq contained in document S/17097, and the letter dated 17 April 1985 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17127).

The President read out the text of the following statement (S/17130), which he said he had been authorized to make on behalf of the members of the Security Council:

"The members of the Security Council, seized with the continuing conflict between Iran and Irag, are appalled that chemical weapons have been used against Iranian soldiers during the month of March 1985 in the war between the two countries, as concluded in the report of the medical specialist appointed by the Secretary-General (S/17127 and Add.1*).

To be issued.

"They recall the statement of 30 March 1984 by the President of the Security Council on behalf of the members (S/16454). They strongly condemn renewed use of chemical weapons in the conflict and any possible future use of such weapons. They again urge the strict observance of the Geneva Protocol of 1925, according to which the use in war of chemical weapons is prohibited and has been justly condemned by the world community.

"The members of the Council condemn all violations of international humanitarian law and urge both parties to observe the generally recognized principles and rules of international humanitarian law which are applicable to armed conflicts and their obligations under international conventions designed to prevent or alleviate the human suffering of warfare. At the same time they urge a cessation of hostilities and remain convinced that a prompt, comprehensive, just and honourable settlement acceptable to both sides is essential and in the interest of international peace and security.

"The members of the Council express their full appreciation and support to the Secretary-General for his report contained in document S/17097. They are ready to issue at the appropriate moment an invitation to both parties to take part in a renewed examination of all aspects of the conflict. They call on the parties to co-operate with the Security Council and with the Secretary-General in their efforts to restore peace to the peoples of Iran and Iraq."
