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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

Despite the condemnation of its use of chemical weapons by the international community, the Office of the Secretary-General and the Security Council of the United Nations, the Iraqi régime has again resorted to chemical warfare against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The north-western part of Fakkeh and the north-western part of Sardasht were targets of mustard gas delivered through artillery shelling on 7 and 8 May 1985 respectively.

It is evident that the Iraqi régime has not heeded the appeals of the international community and it is imperative to devise ways and methods to compel the Baathist rulers to respect the 1925 Geneva Protocol. In this regard, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran once again urges Your Excellency to dispatch an expert team to be stationed in the area, hoping that its presence will deter further violations of the rules of law regulating the conduct of hostilities by Iraq, or at least facilitate the process of investigation or on-site examination in the unfortunate cases where such violations occur.

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

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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