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

Aerial attacks by the Baathist rulers of Iraq on the civilian population of many of our cities are continuing savagely and brutally. The international body has been an aloof spectator to the Iraqi violations of international humanitarian law since 25 May 1985 when Iraq resumed its criminal attacks on our cities. Despite our numerous warnings and appeals, no action has been taken by the Security Council to heed its constitutional responsibilities. The Islamic Republic of Iran has regrettably found no other avenue to deter President Saddam's ravaging attacks but that of retaliating in kind. The second missile attack was, therefore, launched against Baghdad contrary to our desire.

Had it not been for the inaction on the part of the international body, the great loss of life imposed upon both countries might well have been avoided. We sincerely appeal to Your Excellency and to the international body to take the necessary measures to bring the violations of international humanitarian law by the rulers of Iraq to an end and relieve us from the painful burden of retaliating against our brothers and sisters in Iraq. We also believe that the Security Council cannot justify its neglect of its responsibilities regarding the safeguarding of international humanitarian law.

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

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