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With reference to document S/17322, dated 3 July 1985, and document S/17326, dated 5 July 1985, containing letters addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iran, and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the allegations of Iran to the effect that Iraq has purchased howitzers from the Government of South Africa are false and are made solely for purposes of cheap propaganda; they have no factual basis.

The Iranian régime, which has long claimed to be among the strongest opponents of zionism and <u>apartheid</u>, is the same régime that collaborates closely with the Zionist entity, particularly in the military field, and receives its help in continuing its war of aggression against Irag.

In addition to the foregoing, the Iranian régime is attempting to give the appearance of a degree of responsibility and of respect for United Nations resolutions, whereas it is, in reality, prominent among those régimes that have established a record for disregarding Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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(<u>Signed</u>) Zuhair I. MOHAMMAD Deputy Permanent Representative

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