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

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

The authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been informed that the Kuwaiti vessel Al-Muharrag, sailing in the Persian Gulf, carries logistical goods destined for Iraq. On 20 June 1985 the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the basis of the Hague Convention respecting the Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers in Naval War of 1907, intercepted the "neutral vessel" Al-Muharrag and directed it to the Iranian Port of Bandar Abbas where it was thoroughly inspected. It was then established that, out of 10,500 tons of cargo aboard the vessel, 4,500 tons of logistical goods were destined for Iraq, which were seized.

On 12 July 1985, the vessel was released to continue its course in the Persian Gulf with the remaining cargo and all the crew on board, including an Iraqi naval officer.

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

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