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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD**

Note verbale dated 24 January 2000 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Robinson, and has the honour to transmit the attached letter from Mr. Mohammed al-Douri, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office (Arabic original with French and English translations), replying to the allegations contained in the letter of 24 August 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Kuwaiti regime, bearing the symbol E/CN.4/2000/113, 27 October 1999.*

The Mission of Iraq would appreciate it if the High Commissioner could arrange for this reply to be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights, under the agenda item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world".

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