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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I invite your urgent attention to the saddest news of an unprecedented crime in history perpetrated by the criminal rulers of Iraq.

Today, at 850 hours GMT (1225 hours local time) an Iranian F-27 passenger plane, belonging to Aseman Airlines, carrying 46 passengers, was attacked and shot down by the Iraqi Air Force while en route from Teheran to Ahwaz. The aircraft had been scheduled to land in Ahwaz at 905 hours GMT (1235 hours local time). It was shot down within 18 miles of Ahwaz, in the village of **Veyse**. It is feared that all the passengers and the crew have been martyred. Precise details will be available after the conclusion of the investigation at the site, which is currently under way.

So far, Iraq has committed every despicable crime in the book; aggression against our country, the murder of innocent civilians, use of chemical bombs, threatening the freedom of navigation by neutral vessels in the waters of the Persian Gulf, attacks against passenger aircraft and the martyrdom of 46 civilians. There is no rule of international law and no international humanitarian norm that has not been violated by the rulers of Baghdad.

We do not know why and how the international community continues to condone these crimes. However, you may be assured that in accordance with the law, the Islamic Republic of Iran will even all scores with Iraq. The failure of the international community to implement justice will only make us more determined in our struggle against the aggressor Iraqi **régime**. It is incumbent upon the United Nations Organization to strongly condemn and express its abhorrence at this Iraqi criminal attack against the Iranian passenger plane.

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

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