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Letter dated 10 May 1984 from the Permanent Representative of the  
Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the English text of the letter of His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you. It would be highly appreciated if the content of the attached letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 64 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed RAJAIE-KHORASSANI  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 30 April 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter addressed to Your Excellency through His Excellency Mr. Cordovez during his stay at Tehran, on 4 April 1984, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, up to now through our repeated communications, the world body has been informed that, from the inception of the imposed war against our country and for more than forty months, in order to attain its expansionist aims the Iraqi régime has resorted to the most inhuman and criminal acts and has in this respect violated all the international rules and regulations related to war.

In violation of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, the Iraqi régime has continuously bombarded civilian and non-military areas and defenceless cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, from the air and by ground-to-ground missiles. These aerial and missile attacks have killed thousands of elderly men, women and children. The Iraqi régime has arrested, disturbed, tortured and imprisoned many civilians from occupied territories in Iran. In violation of the Geneva Convention of 1925, the Iraqi régime has used chemical weapons which were obtained from both the Eastern and Western blocs, caused the martyrdom of many of our citizens and wounded many others as a result.

It is obvious that the immediate and future consequences of the disastrous criminal actions of Iraq, which have been already ascertained by those Iranian and foreign doctors who have examined martyrs and victims of chemical weapons, are endangering civilian life in all areas in which chemical weapons have been used.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, from the inception of this savage aggression by the Iraqi régime, has repeatedly drawn the attention of the international body to this aggression and to the continuous bombardments and missile attacks on civilian quarters. Likewise, the numerous instances of Iraqi chemical warfare were reported to the world body. In spite of the well-documented report of the United Nations experts who have been dispatched to investigate the Iraqi use of chemical weapons, upon Your Excellency's valuable personal initiative, unfortunately the Security Council has not taken any serious action to stop the Iraqi régime from the further use of chemical weapons.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while drawing the attention of the Secretary-General once again to the crimes of Iraq, demands that specific steps be taken to ensure that the producers and suppliers of these chemical weapons to Iraq will stop such deliveries, and that necessary measures be taken to stop the production, storage and sale of chemical weapons to that régime, as well as to prevent the Iraqi régime from the further use of chemical weapons.

I take this opportunity once again to express my appreciation for the efforts rendered by Your Excellency in dispatching the United Nations experts to

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investigate the Iraqi use of chemical weapons in its war of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(Signed) Ali Akbar VELAYATI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of  
the Islamic Republic of Iran

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