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Letter dated 21 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative
of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you the text of the statement issued on 18 April 1987 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning Iraqi use of chemical weapons and their baseless allegation of the use of such weapons by Iran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 62 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 18 April 1987 by the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning Iraqi use
of chemical weapons and their baseless allegation of use of
such weapons by Iran

The aggressor **régime** of Iraq, during **more** than six years that have passed since the inception of the imposed war, has uninterruptedly violated international rules and regulations **as** well as principles of international humanitarian law in different fields, the most dangerous and important one of which is undoubtedly the repeated **resort** to chemical **warfare** by **this** criminal war monger **régime**. Such **Iraqi** violations have, every time, been brought to the attention of world public opinion and relevant international authorities by the Islamic Republic of Iran and they have led to statements by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council, which confirmed the use of chemical weapons by Iraq and condemned such acts.

The **régime** of Iraq, disregarding **the** rules of international law, has again hastily deployed different types of chemical weapons on 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 April 1987.

The repeated resort to such crimes clearly indicates that the aggressor Iraqi regime **is** not prepared, under any circumstances, to respect and implement the principles of international law, particularly the 1925 Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous and Other Gases. The **Iraqi** repeated resort to such anti-human weapons in its imposed **war** against the Islamic Republic of Iran further proves the **aggressive** and lawless nature of the Iraqi regime and also its desperation. Iraq's use of chemical weapons at this juncture when the **draft** of a new convention on chemical weapons is **in the** final stages of preparation is a **move** which irreparably weakens this international **effort**.

In connection with the baseless allegation of Iraq as to **the use of chemical** weapons by Iran, the Foreign Ministry of **the** Islamic Republic of Iran, while categorically denying such allegations, wishes to recall that this is **not the** first time that the Iraqi regime, in order to lessen **the** international pressure against its war crimes, has resorted to such **propagandist** lies. Iraq had made a similar claim before the statement of 21 March 1986 by the **Security Council** in which the use of chemical weapons by Iraq was condemned. The report of **the United Nations team** of experts dated 12 March 1986 contained in document S/17911, confirming the use of chemical weapons by Iraq **not only** against Iranian forces but also against Iraqi forces illustrates that **the** Iraqi regime is willing to expose its **own** forces to chemical weapons only to produce unfounded allegations against **the** Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of **the** Islamic Republic of Iran **hereby** calls **upon the** Secretary-General of the United Nations and other relevant international authorities to live up to their important international responsibilities and to take urgent and effective measures **in** order to prevent **the** continuation of

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anti-human **crimes** by the Iraqi **régime**. **Members** of the international community, **erpeoially** the **members** of the Seourity Council, may **be** reminded that the **prevention** of **war** orimer in goner al and the **use** of chemical weapons in particular **is** an international **responsibility** and **that the** Security Council **is** obligated to take more **practical steps** in this connection.
