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Letter dated 29 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the
Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter dated 30 June 1987 (A/42/375-S/18956) concerning the casualties of the deplorable Iraqi chemical attacks on Sardasht, which resulted in more than 2,000 casualties, more than 60 of whom have since died, I enclose herewith photographs of some women and children who were victims of the bombardments.

The extent and consequences of the war crimes of the Iraqi régime documented by these photographs will no doubt arouse horror and outrage in the international community, whose primary duty is to prevent the further perpetration of such inhumanity, preceded only by the horrendous nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the Second World War. The callousness of the international body vis-a-vis the continued perpetration of these crimes by the Ba'athist régime of Iraq demonstrates not only the failure of this organization in discharging its constitutional duties but also its hypocrisy notwithstanding the sincere efforts and goodwill of some of its members.

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 provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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