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Letter dated 22 March 1988 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the
**Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United
Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction⁹ from **my Government** and pursuant to my previous letters concerning the unprecedented use of **chemical** weapons by the Iraqi **régime**, I have **the honour to draw** Your Excellency's **attention to General Assembly resolution 42/37 C entitled** "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention". In paragraph 4 of that **resolution, the General Assembly:**

"Requests the Secretary-General to carry out investigations in response to reports that may be brought to his attention **by any** Member State concerning the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) or toxin weapons that may constitute a violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol or other relevant rules of customary international law **in** order to ascertain the facts of the matter, and to report promptly **the** results of **ny** such investigation **to** all Member States."

The Government **of the** Islamic Republic of Iran has brought to Your Excellency's attention a very serious escalation in the **use** of chemical weapons by 'Iraq, primarily against civilian populations. **It** has officially requested the **immediate** "dispatch of the United Nations team of Experts on Chemical Weapons to the region to investigate the extent of Iraqi crime and to report to the international **community**". **It** is imperative that immediate action by **you**, in line with the provisions **of** General **Assembly** resolution 42/37 C, be adopted in order to "uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol".

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It would be **highly** appreciated if ~~this~~ letter were circulated ~~as a document~~ of the General Assembly, under **item** 63 of the ~~preliminary~~ list, and of the **Security Council**.

(Signed) Mohammad Ja 'afar MAHALLATI
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