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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2730th meeting of the Security Council, held on 22 December 1986, in connection with the consideration of the item entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq", the President of the Security Council made the following statement:

"The Security Council met today to consider the report of the Secretary-General of 26 November 1986 (S/18480) requested by Security Council resolution 588 (1986). After consultations, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council:

'The members of the Security Council take note of the report of the Secretary-General (S/18480) and express profound concern at the serious situation which continues to exist between Iran and Iraq. They reiterate their call for the implementation of Security Council resolutions 582 (1986) and 588 (1986) and for the resolution of the prolonged conflict by peaceful means. They again emphasize the obligation of Member States to settle their disputes by peaceful means and, in this context, to co-operate with the Security Council. In this regard, the members of the Council urge the Secretary-General to continue with his efforts and call upon the parties to co-operate with him.

'The members of the Security Council continue to deplore the violation of international humanitarian law and other laws of armed conflict. They express their deepening concern over the widening of the conflict through the escalation of attacks on purely civilian targets, on merchant shipping and oil installations of the littoral States. They call for respect, in accordance with international law, for the territorial integrity of the States of the region and for the right of free navigation and commerce, as well as for the operation of off-shore installations.'