
LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ON 12 FEBRUARY 1987

It is with regret that I must bring the following matter to your attention:

Continuing the repeated violation of all humanitarian laws, the Iraqi Régime once again used chemical weapons on a massive scale during January and early February. Such actions show an absolute disregard for the 17 June 1925, Geneva Protocol, the Resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and world opinion.

Despite the statements of the Security Council dated 30 March 1984, 25 April 1985 and 21 March 1986, and the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of February 1987 condemning Iraq's use of chemical weapons, the Iraqi Régime employed such weapons over a very wide area on 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31 January as well as on 6 February 1987, as the result of which large numbers of people were subjected to such brutal inhumane deeds.

The violation of well-established principles by a small country like Iraq is alarming for the community of the whole world, and each government, international organization and other humanitarian community has a responsibility to arrest the continuation of such crimes. If they do not consider it grave enough, or if they do not show a strong reaction, we shall unfortunately have to expect a very dark and tough future for mankind.

The condemnation of the Iraqi Régime's use of chemical weapons against the Iranian forces is not simply to gratify my country, but is to protect all human civilization and the respect of humanitarian law during times of armed conflict.

I would, therefore, earnestly demand that the Conference on Disarmament take some effective steps to stop the Iraqi use of chemical weapons by strongly condemning such inhumane acts.

I wish you every success in your great responsibility, and I should be most grateful if you could arrange to have this letter circulated as a CD document.

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