Letter dated 27 February 1983 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 the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to enclose a list containing the names and other details of 9,405 Iranian citizens, both civilian and military who have been reported missing since the beginning of the war of aggression waged against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Iraqi rulers. This list documents only one of the many atrocious crimes of the Baathist régime which include, inter alia, the bombardment of civilian targets and the execution of captives, as documented by the International Red Cross. The principles of justice and those of the Charter of the United Nations require that the international community and the United Nations react strongly to these massive and flagrant violations of international law, international decency and human rights by the régime of Iraq, and these war criminals should be brought to justice in accordance with the precedents set in the case of Nazi war criminals.

The case of more than 9,400 missing persons has been brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights at its current session in Geneva. It would be highly appreciated if Your Excellency would use your good offices to ask the Commission to consider the matter at its current session and to exert all possible pressure on the Iraqi régime in order to bring justice to the situation.

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* A/38/50.
It would also be highly appreciated if the contents of the enclosed list were recorded as a document of the General Assembly, under items 12 and 64 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Seyed Ahmad SERAJZADEH
Chargé d'Affaires

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1/ The list is deposited in the Secretariat and may be consulted upon request.