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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2524th meeting of the Security Council, held on 30 March 1984, in connection with the consideration of the item entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq", the President of the Security Council read out the following statement:

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I am authorized to make the following declaration:

'The members of the Security Council, having considered again the question entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq", and greatly concerned about the conflict which endangers international peace and security in the region, have taken note of the report of the specialists appointed by the Secretary-General to investigate allegations by the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the use of chemical weapons (S/16433).

'They note with particular concern the unanimous conclusions of the specialists that chemical weapons have been used. Furthermore, they express their grave concern about all reported violations in the conflict of the rules of international law and of the principles and rules of international conduct accepted by the world community to prevent or alleviate the human suffering of warfare and affirm strongly the conclusion of the Secretary-General that these humanitarian concerns can only be fully satisfied by putting an end to the tragic conflict that continues to deplete the precious human resources of Iran and Iraq.

'The members of the Council:

- strongly condemn the use of chemical weapons reported by the mission of specialists;
- reaffirm the need to abide strictly by the provisions of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 for the prohibition of the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and of bacteriological methods of warfare;
- call on the States concerned scrupulously to adhere to the obligations flowing from their accession to the Geneva Protocol of 1925;

- condemn all violations of international humanitarian law and urge both parties to observe the generally recognized principles and rules of international humanitarian law which are applicable to armed conflicts and their obligations under international conventions designed to prevent or alleviate the human suffering of warfare;

- recall relevant resolutions of the Security Council, renew urgently their calls for the strict observance of a cease-fire and for a peaceful solution of the conflict and call upon all Governments concerned to co-operate fully with the Council in its efforts to bring about conditions leading to a peaceful settlement of the conflict in conformity with the principles of justice and international law;

- appreciate the mediation efforts of the Secretary-General and request him to continue his efforts with the parties concerned, with a view to achieving a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement acceptable to both sides; and

- decide to keep the situation between Iran and Iraq under close review."
