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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2779th meeting of the Security Council, held on 24 December 1987, 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:

"Following consultations of the Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:

'The members of the Security Council take note of the assessment made by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on 10 December 1987 following his consultations with the emissaries of Iran and Iraq concerning the implementation of resolution 598 (1987) as well as of his request for a fresh and resolute impulse from the Council. They express their grave concern over the slow pace and lack of real progress in these consultations.

'Determined to bring the conflict to an end as soon as possible, the members of the Security Council reaffirm their commitment to resolution 598 (1987) as an integrated whole. They also reaffirm that the implementation of that resolution is the only basis for a comprehensive, just, honourable and durable settlement of the conflict.

'They support the Secretary-General's outline plan, as endorsed by the Security Council, as well as his efforts to implement resolution 598 (1987).

'They consider it essential that the Secretary-General continue to fulfil the mandate assigned to him by resolution 598 (1987).

'The members of the Security Council declare their determination, in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of resolution 598 (1987), to consider further steps to ensure compliance with this resolution.'