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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2823rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 8 August 1988, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "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 Security Council welcomes the statement just made by the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987 on the Iran/Iraq conflict.

"The Council endorses the Secretary-General's announcement that the ceasefire demanded in the resolution shall come into effect at 0300 hours GMT on 20 August 1988, and that direct talks under his auspices between the two parties shall begin on 25 August.

"The Council further endorses the appeal of the Secretary-General to both parties to exercise the utmost restraint and expects them to refrain from all hostile activities in the period before the entry into effect of the ceasefire.

"The Council reiterates its determination that its resolution 598 (1987) be fully implemented as an integral whole and reaffirms its full support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to this end."

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