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**Identical letters dated 31 January 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my country's Government, and having regard to the relevant rules of international law and international norms, I should like to inform you that the Islamic Republic of Iran has created a waiting area at the coordinates listed below, pursuant to maritime declaration S.10/2020 of 26 August 2020 issued by the Ports and Maritime Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Government of Iraq protests against that action because the waiting area is located in an undemarcated maritime area between the two countries. Accordingly, a bilateral agreement concerning the demarcation of the maritime boundary in that area must be reached before the competent Iranian authorities can establish this waiting area, the creation of which obstructs the movement of vessels headed to Iraqi ports along Shatt al-Arab and constitutes a violation of the rules of international law. Accordingly, the Government of Iraq requests that work cease in that area until the two countries have held bilateral discussions on the matter.

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- D. 29 49.00N 048 50.50E
- E. 29 49.50N 048 49.00E

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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