THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

Decision

At its 2976th meeting, on 31 January 1991, the Council decided to invite the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq to participate without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (S/22148)". 9

Resolution 685 (1991)
of 31 January 1991

The Security Council,


Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group of 28 January 1991, 10 and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

1. Decides to extend the mandate of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for a further period of one month, that is, until 28 February 1991, as recommended by the Secretary-General;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, during February 1991, a report on his further consultations with the parties about the future of the Group, together with his recommendations on this matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 2976th meeting

Decisions

In a letter dated 28 February 1991, 14 the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 26 February 1991 15 was brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council, who considered the matter in consultations held on 27 February 1991.


"The members of the Council express their gratitude to you personally and their appreciations to the members of the Group on the successful completion of their important task."

In a letter dated 23 May 1991 17 addressed to the President of the Security Council, for the attention of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General stated that following his last report on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, dated 26 February 1991, 18 and the follow-up exchange of letters dated 26 19 and 28 February 1991, 20 he had continued his efforts towards the full implementation of Council resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987. In this context he wished to inform the Council that, in pursuance of the mandate entrusted to him by paragraph 7 of that resolution, and in consultation with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, he had asked former Under-Secretary-General Abdurrahim A. Farah to lead a team of experts who would make an exploratory visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the end of May. It was anticipated that the team would remain in the area for an initial period of two to three weeks. The Secretary-General also stated that in the implementation of his mandate under paragraph 7 of resolution 598 (1987) he was also in contact with the Government of Iraq.