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Letter dated 28 April 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Since certain baseless allegations were made against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the representative of the United States at today's meeting of the Security Council on Iraq, I wish to bring to your attention the position of my delegation on the said unfounded allegations, as contained in the annex to this letter.

I should be grateful if you would bring the content of this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council, and circulate it as a document of the Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 28 April 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Response by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of
Iran to the allegations made against Iran by the representative of
the United States at the Security Council meeting on Iraq on
28 April 2008**

The Security Council heard, today, certain unfounded allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the representative of the United States. Since the format of the meeting of the Security Council did not allow us to express our views on the said allegations by making a statement at the Council's meeting, we wish to bring the following to your esteemed attention and that of the Council members:

We reject the groundless allegations made against Iran by the said representative at today's meeting of the Council. It is not the first time that the international community is witness to the United States baseless allegations and even its fabrication of so-called evidence against other nations, in order to pursue certain ill-intended and politically motivated national goals. To date the United States has not ever come up with any single piece of reliable evidence that would corroborate its claims against Iran — simply because there is no such evidence and because these allegations are totally unfounded.

Iran has, time and again, condemned all acts of violence and terrorism in Iraq. It has strongly condemned the attacks on the Green Zone where the Iraqi Government's offices and diplomatic missions are located, as it has condemned the attacks on residential areas in Iraq, including those in Sadr City and Basra. Iran has also unambiguously supported the Iraqi Government's efforts against outlaw gangs in the country. Iran has itself been subject to terrorism and suffered from terrorist acts committed in and originating from Iraq, due to the tacit and explicit support by the United States Government extended to certain terrorist groups stationed and operating in that country.

Undoubtedly, as an immediate neighbour, Iran stands to benefit highly from stability, security and prosperity in Iraq, as it will immensely suffer from insecurity and instability in that country. Iran's best interest lies in a democratic and prosperous Iraq at peace with itself and with its neighbours. The Islamic Republic of Iran has taken significant steps at the highest level to strengthen partnership and cooperation with Iraq. As is mentioned in the latest report of the Secretary-General, Iran's President is the highest ranking official from the region who has visited Iraq to promote the friendly and brotherly relations that so happily exist between our two countries. We have already implemented many short-term and long-term programmes aimed at promoting economic cooperation between the two countries in the areas of development, energy, education, health, industry, transportation, investment, trade, tourism, financing and so forth, and are actively in the process of implementing more such projects. Iran has also pledged \$10 million to Iraq's Reconstruction Fund, while a line of credit of \$1 billion has also been allocated to cover the implementation of economic plans.

Iran's support to the Iraqi political process and its efforts to assist Iraqis in their quest for peace, national harmony and reconstruction has been unabated and will remain unreserved.

In view of the above and given Iran's constructive and transparent policies and practices towards Iraq, it is ridiculously false to suggest that the Islamic Republic of Iran would take any steps that would contribute to the insecurity in Iraq. It is not the first time that the United States Government maliciously insists on demonizing Iran for Iraq's problems in a futile effort to obfuscate the real sources of the instability in Iraq — that is the continuation of foreign occupation and certain wrong policies and practices on the part of the occupying forces. Instead of scapegoating others for United States policy failures in Iraq, the United States Government should address its own wrong policies and practices in the country in an honest and sincere manner, and desist from deceiving its own public opinion and that of the international community.
