



In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations expresses its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to paragraph 10 of the resolution A/31/145 of 13 December 1976, which was adopted by the General Assembly to Enhance the Protection of Consular Officers, Consular Missions and Consular Missions Representatives, has the honor to advise the following:

On Friday, 7 September 2018, a group of about 50 members of the Popular Mobilization Forces entered the Consulate-General in Basra and, by force, entered the building and intervened by security forces.

By 23:00, the attackers entered the offices and meeting rooms of the Consulate-General and destroyed all property, supplies, equipment, and furniture. They also destroyed and burned the Iranian flag and eventually the Consulate-General, causing the destruction of the building. The authorities in Basra and Iraq were notified and requested to take necessary measures.

This is despite the fact that the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Baghdad and the Consulate-General in Basra had warned Iraqi Government officials and Basra Province officials, during the day prior to and during this horrendous attack, regarding the imminence of such an invasion and requested them to take necessary measures to protect the Consulate-General building.

It is important to note that under international law and relevant international treaties, especially the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Article 31, "the receiving State is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect consular premises against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the consular post or impairment of its dignity". This obligation by the receiving State is absolute and applies, regardless of the intent of the protesters.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while reminding of the international obligations of the Republic of Iraq as the receiving State with regard to ensuring the protection of the Consulate-General's premises, requests that the Government of the Republic of Iraq, in accordance with its international obligations, take all necessary and appropriate

