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**FURTHER REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 598 (1987)**

1. In paragraph 6 of resolution 598 (1987) , adopted on 20 July 1987 , the Security Council requested the Secretary - General to explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible in implementation of that request.
2. In the course of the negotiations during the past three years, I have had several opportunities to consult with the parties on paragraph 6. While those consultations enabled me to get a certain understanding of the the divergent views held by both sides, they did not come to a stage where it was felt possible to submit a meaningful report to the Security Council.
3. Following the completion of the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 598 (1987), a renewed effort to fulfil the requirements of all other provisions of that resolution was called for in order to ensure the re - establishment of peace between Iran and Iraq in accordance with the comprehensive peace plan provided for by resolution 598 (1987) and thus to contribute substantially to the current requirements of peace and security in the region. Many of the steps I took in order to intensify all efforts in implementation of resolution 598 (1987) have been outlined in my report to the Security Council on that subject (S/23246)
4. For the purpose of paragraph 6, although elements of the positions of the two parties of that paragraph were known to me, I requested the Governments of Iran and Iraq, in identical letters dated 14 August 1991, to provide me in the most comprehensive manner possible with their detailed views on the subject - matter of that paragraph. At the same time, in order to obtain the fullest understanding of the subject - matter, I decided to consult separately some independent experts. On the basis of the replies provided by the parties dated 26 August 1991 for Iraq and 15 September 1991 for Iran, the consultations held with the parties in the past, all relevant information contained in the official documents of the United Nations since the beginning of the conflict and the information obtained from independent experts, I would