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Resolution 598 (1987)

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its Resolution 582 (1986),

Deeply concerned that despite its calls for a ceasefire, the conflict between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq continues unabated with further heavy loss of human life and material destruction,

Deploring the initiation and continuation of the conflict,

Deploring also the bombing of purely civilian population centres, attacks on neutral shipping or civilian air craft, the violation of international humanitarian law and other laws of armed conflict, and in particular, the use of chemical weapons contrary to obligations under the 1925 Geneva protocol,

Deeply concerned that further escalation and widening of the conflict may take place,

Determined to bring an end all military actions between Iran and Iraq,

Convinced that a comprehensive, just, honourable, and durable settlement should be achieved between Iran and Iraq,

Recalling the provisions of the charter of the United Nations, and in particular the obligation of all member states to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace security and justice are not endangered,

Determining that there exist a breach of the peace as regards the conflict between Iran and Iraq,

Acting under articles 39 and 40 of the charter:

Demands that, as a first step towards a negotiated settlement, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq observe an immediate cease-fire, discontinue all military actions on land, at the sea and in the air, and withdraw all forces to the internationally recognized boundaries without delay;

Request the Secretary General to dispatch a team of United Nations to verify, confirm and supervise the cease-fire and withdrawal and further requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with the Parties and to submit a report thereon to the Secretary-General;

Urges that prisoners-of war be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949;

Calls upon Iran and Iraq to co-operate with the Secretary General in implementing this resolution and in mediation efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement, acceptable to both sides, of all outstanding issues, in accordance with the principles contained in the Charter of United Nations;

Calls upon all other states to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain from any act which may lead to further escalation and widening of the conflict, and thus to facilitate the implementation of the present resolution;

Requests 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 the council as soon as possible;

Recognizes the magnitude of damage inflicted during the conflict and the need for reconstruction efforts, with appropriate international assistance, once the conflict is ended and, in this regard requests the Secretary-General to assign a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction and to report to the council;

Further requests the Secretary-General to examine, in consultation with Iran and Iraq and with other States of the region, measures to enhance the security and stability of the region;

Request to the Secretary-General to keep the council informed on the implementation of this resolution;

Decides to meet again as necessary to consider further steps to ensure compliance with this resolution.