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Unofficial translation of the letter sent to the Heads of State of the Non Aligned Countries by its President Comrade Fidel Castro.

Your Excellency,

I address to You because of the conflict which faces two Non Aligned Countries, Irak and Iran, painfull account for all the Head of States of the Movement and a dangerous focus of confrontation that attempts against the interests of peace, international security and the economic and social development of our people.

As soon as we received the first news of the iniciation of hostilities, we instructed the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Comrade Isidoro Malmierca, to contact both parts with the object of contributing in finding a peaceful political and honourable solution to the conflict.

Comrade Malmierca visited on two occasions Bagdad and Teheran having meetings with Presidents Saddam Hussein and Aboul Hassan Banisadr contributting in this way, with the presence of a representative of the Movement in the area, our modest and committed effort in order to put an end to the dispute under acceptable bases for the two Countries.

The results of the meetings held by Minister Malmierca have demonstrated that it is usefull to continue negotiations with both Governments.

We are firmly convinced that the war that these two brother countries are facing should and can find a solution if we depart from a strict respect of the Norms of International Law, of the principles that on peaceful relations between the States are gathered in the successive statements of the Summit Meetings of our Movement and very special in the Declaration of the Summit of the VI Conference of head of States or Governments.

That is why we have sent Minister Malmierca to inform the Coordination Bureau in New York and after he will travel once more to Bagdad and Teheran with personal messages for President Saddam Hussein and Aboul Hassan Banisadr, hoping to inform You in the near future of any successful development

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to You the assurances of my highest considerations,

Fidel Castro Ruz
President of the Movement of
the Non Aligned Countries.