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Letter dated 30 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of  
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on  
30 November 1990 by the Chief Cabinet Secretary of the Government of Japan on the  
adoption of Security Council resolution 678 (1990) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present  
letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly,  
under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

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and Plenipotentiary  
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ANNEX

Statement issued on 30 November 1990 by the Chief Cabinet  
Secretary of the Government of Japan on the adoption of  
Security Council resolution 678 (1990)

1. The Government of Japan welcomes the adoption on 29 November 1990 by the Security Council of the United Nations of resolution 678 (1990). Japan, as a responsible member of the international community, appreciates the efforts made so far by the Security Council for a solution of the Gulf crisis in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and supports this resolution as a means of strengthening the said efforts.

Security Council resolution 678 (1990) is based on the view that the implementation of the Council resolutions that demand that Iraq withdraw immediately and unconditionally all its forces from Kuwait is of fundamental importance for the maintenance of the order of the international community. Council resolution 678 (1990) is also extremely important as it authorizes the countries concerned to use all necessary measures to implement Council resolution 660 (1990) and all subsequent relevant resolutions, if they are not complied with by 15 January 1991.

2. Japan maintains the steadfast hope that the crisis will be settled peacefully. Japan strongly demands once again that Iraq, taking this resolution as its final opportunity, comply with its obligations to implement the relevant Security Council resolutions promptly, withdraw from Kuwait and release all the foreign nationals immediately and unconditionally, so that it will not be confronted with a still more serious situation.

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