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OF NORWAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit enclosed the text in translation of a statement issued on 22 May 1984 by His Excellency Mr. Sverre Strøm, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, in connection with the situation in the Gulf area.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of this statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tom VRAALSEN
Permanent Representative of Norway
to the United Nations

Annex

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway
issued on 22 May 1984

The recent developments in the Gulf area give rise to grave concerns. The war between Iran and Iraq, which has now lasted almost four years, has during the last few days been further escalated through attacks on ships from other nations. For Norway, as a shipping nation, it is especially regrettable that attacks have taken place on ships in international waters and outside the declared zone of war.

Norway attaches fundamental importance to a solution of the conflict through negotiations. The Security Council of the United Nations has called upon the parties to the conflict to cease all acts of war, in particular all operations against civilian targets. The Norwegian Government joins the Security Council in making these calls upon the parties and supports the efforts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his efforts to find a peaceful solution. Particular emphasis must be given to securing free and safe navigation in the area for international shipping.
