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

With reference to Security Council resolution 661 (1990) of 6 August 1990 and on instructions from my Government, I should like to state as follows:

1. Kuwait considers the embargo measures set forth in the said resolution as a means for the achievement of the objectives of resolution 660 (1990) in its entirety.

2. While understanding the time considerations which require an element of deliberateness if the sanctions are to achieve the desired results, following Iraq's arbitrary decision to annex Kuwait, which was rejected by the Council in its resolution 662 (1990), Kuwait is nevertheless of the view that the time factor has become more pressing.

3. Kuwait proposes that the Council should accord particular attention to all of the openings that are used or that might be used by Iraq in its attempts to circumvent the embargo measures. It is essential that the Council should deal with all of the loopholes so that resolution 661 (1990) can be implemented in an effective manner.

4. While sympathizing with countries which might encounter economic difficulties in applying resolution 661 (1990), Kuwait nevertheless considers that the overriding long-term interest of restoring stability to the Gulf region for the benefit to all mankind will require sacrifices.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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