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Forty-fifth yearLetter dated 28 August 1990 from the Permanent Representatives of
France and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Franco-Soviet declaration on the crisis in the Gulf, issued at Moscow on 26 August 1990 on the completion of the visit to the USSR of Mr. Roland Dumas, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Franco-Soviet declaration of 26 August 1990 concerning
the crisis in the Persian Gulf

The USSR and France, deeply concerned by the crisis resulting from the Iraqi aggression against Kuwait, a sovereign and independent State, welcome the adoption by the Security Council of its resolution 665 (1990) which has the purpose of ensuring strict implementation of the sanctions imposed on Iraq. This decision provides further evidence of the consensus of the permanent members of the Security Council and the international community to bring to an end as rapidly as possible a situation that constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles governing relations among States and a serious blow to international peace and security.

The two parties confirm their respect for the principle of collective action carried out in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations with a view to achieving a political settlement of the crisis based on the withdrawal of the Iraqi forces from Kuwait and the restoration of the sovereignty of that country.

Voicing their profound alarm at the situation of foreign nationals detained in Iraq and Kuwait in contempt of obligations arising out of international legality and human rights, the two ministers reaffirm the demand made by the Security Council that Iraq must permit them to return, freely and without delay, to their countries of origin. They request Iraq to refrain from any action that might impede the functioning of diplomatic and consular missions in Kuwait and impinge upon the status and well-being of their personnel.

The USSR and France urge Iraq to show realism and reason by complying with the will of the international community as expressed in the resolutions adopted by the Security Council on the crisis in the Gulf.

The two parties declared their conviction that this crisis once again highlights the urgent need for more intensive efforts to be made for the resolution of other crisis situations in the Near East and, in particular, of the question of Palestine. They renew their support for pan-Arab action for the resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

The USSR and France will continue their close co-operation on developments in the situation in the Gulf.
