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NOTE VERBALE DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF JAMAICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the latter's Note SCPC/7/90(1-2) dated 27 August 1990, drawing attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 10 of resolution 661 (1990) which was adopted by the Security Council at its 2933rd meeting on 26 August 1990 in connection with the item entitled "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait", has the honour to advise that Jamaica intends to comply fully with the provisions of Security Council resolution 661 (1990).

In this connection, attached is a copy of the statement dated 8 August 1990 issued by the Acting Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Honourable P. J. Patterson, Q.C., M.P.

Annex

Statement on Iraq's invasion of Kuwait by the Honourable  
P. J. Patterson, Q.C., M.P., Acting Prime Minister  
of Jamaica

Jamaica has already condemned the invasion of Kuwait. We joined other Heads of Government of the Caribbean community in Kingston last week in roundly condemning this act of aggression. Since then the situation has continued to deteriorate at an alarming rate.

Jamaica, a small country with limited resources with which to defend itself, resolutely condemns the Iraqi acts of aggression and annexation. They represent a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, and flout the principles enshrined in the Non-Aligned Movement. This is a time when efforts throughout the world are being directed towards finding ways to resolving international problems, through dialogue and negotiation. The invasion by Iraq, which has a modern well-equipped army of over one million soldiers, against a small defenceless neighbour cannot be condoned.

The incident has already impacted adversely on the international community. The consequences for international peace and security are grave. The immediate projected rise in the price of oil poses disastrous consequences for the economies of small and fragile States such as ourselves.

The United Nations Security Council has met and adopted two resolutions, the last of which imposes sanctions on Iraq under Article VII of the Charter. Jamaica regards these decisions as binding and will honour the embargo imposed. It is worthy of note that the two resolutions received the unanimous support of the permanent members of the Security Council, thus overriding such political ideological differences as may exist between the super-Powers.

Iraq's action has been seen for what it is - pure and naked aggression. No ploy of having been invited in to support a coup by young Kuwaiti revolutionaries can disguise this.

We hope that good sense will prevail and that the Government of Iraq, in the face of the almost universal condemnation of its action will immediately withdraw to its territory.