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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The attached letter, dated 20 September 1990, was addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Observer of San Marino to the United Nations.

Annex

Letter dated 20 September 1990 from the Permanent Observer
of San Marino to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that in response to your note SCPC/7/90(1-2) of 27 August 1990 concerning the grave Iraq-Kuwait situation, the Government of the Republic of San Marino has issued the attached bulletins:

(a) One by the General Council of the Republic of San Marino condemning President Saddam Hussein's aggression and violation of the sovereignty of a State;

(b) One by the President of the European Council Ministers Committee, Mr. Gabriele Gatti, in conjunction with the President of Parliament, Mr. Anders Bjorck, and the Secretary-General, Ms. Catherine Lalumière, of the same organization, to express their concern over the fate of foreign citizens in Kuwait and Iraq.

Also attached is a copy of a letter I received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino, Mr. Gabriele Gatti, dated 12 September 1990, asking to notify the Republic of San Marino's position regarding the Middle East crisis, as well as make it known that the Republic of San Marino does not have any kind of relations or official rapport with Iraq.

(Signed) Ghazi M. AITA
Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Enclosure 1

Bulletin issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
San Marino on 21 August 1990

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Gabriele Gatti, President of the European Council Ministers Committee, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the same organ, Anders BJORCK, as well as the Secretary-General, Catherine Lalumière, have jointly issued a note with which they express "their deep concern over the fate of foreign citizens in Kuwait and in Iraq".

The note further condemns the Iraqi régime's attitude towards these foreign citizens which uses them as "human shields", in an open act of violation of international law and of the most elementary human rights. Gatti, BJORCK and Lalumière request that, in applying the resolution adopted on 18 August by the United Nations Security Council, Iraq authorize and facilitate the departure of these citizens of third countries from Kuwait as well as Iraq itself, permitting them immediate and continuous contact with their own consular agents.

The three officials of the European Council also launch a solemn appeal to the Iraqi régime to respect human rights and humanitarian rights in general.

Enclosure 2

Bulletin issued by the General Council of San Marino on
7 September 1990

AGENDA

After a vast and profound analysis of the international crisis provoked by Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, the High and General Council,

- Emphatically condemns President Saddam Hussein's aggressive action and consequent violation of the sovereignty of a State;
- Deplores the invading country's choice to use as instruments of pressure and blackmail foreign citizens not involved in any way in the controversy;
- Considers contrary to the rules of international law the limitations imposed by the Iraqi régime on the exercise of diplomatic functions;
- Judges Iraq's head of State exhorting the Arab peoples to a holy war improper and dangerous.

The High and General Council, while soliciting the withdrawal of the invading troops from the occupied country, the restoration of order and full exercise of the violated sovereignty, requests that the rights of the foreign citizens present in the two States be respected and their departure be facilitated.

The High and General Council reconfirms its position that a negotiated instrument is the only method to arrive at a solution to these controversies and expresses the hope that favourable conditions may be reached in the near future for mutual respect in human society in the Middle East area, which has been involved in situations of conflicts and of crises for far too long, keeping in mind the need not to procrastinate the restoration of equilibrium between the reality of the North and the South of the world.

The High and General Council appreciates the positive attitudes of collaboration and of consultation expressed by a large number of members of the international community, strengthened by the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council. It is our hope that these attitudes be translated into practical constant relations in every issue involving peoples' rights and the interest of the peaceful development of all States and peoples.

The High and General Council, while sharing in the appeal for respect for human rights jointly with the President of the Ministers Committee, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary-General of the European Council, expresses the desire of the Government of San Marino to continue, in all its international representations, to strive towards peace and respect of human rights in this sensitive area of the world.

Enclosure 3

Letter dated 12 September 1990 from the Secretary of State of
San Marino addressed to the Permanent Observer of San Marino
to the United Nations

With reference to the United Nations Secretary-General's letter dated 27 August 1990, I shall be very grateful if you will kindly notify that the Republic of San Marino has taken a position with regard to the very grave invasion of Kuwait by Iraq with a note issued jointly by the President of the Ministers Committee (Secretary Gatti), the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary-General of the European Council issued on 21 August 1990 as well as an agenda adopted by the High and General Council at the meeting of 7 September.

In notifying the above please make it also known that the Republic of San Marino does not have any kind of relations with Iraq, with which we do not even have official relations.

(Signed) Gabriele GATTI
Secretary of State

