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KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communiqué adopted by the expanded People's Congress, which convened at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from 13 to 15 October 1990 and was attended by representatives of all Kuwait's political, economic and intellectual circles. The Congress affirmed its rejection of the Iraqi aggression and occupation of Kuwait, declared Iraq's claims in justification of the invasion to be spurious and void and affirmed the unity and solidarity of the Kuwaiti National Front behind its legitimate leadership, as represented by the Government of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah.

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

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Annex

Final Communiqué of the Kuwaiti People's Congress, convened
from 24 to 26 Rabi' I A.H. 1411 (13-15 October A.D. 1990)
at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Praise belongs to God, the Lord of all Being. Peace and blessings be upon the most noble of messengers, Sayyid Muhammad, and upon all his kin and companions.

God Almighty has said:

"Leave is given to those who fight because they were wronged - surely God is able to help them - who were expelled from their habitations without right, except that they say 'Our Lord is God.' Had God not driven back the people, some by the means of others, there had been destroyed cloisters and churches, oratories and mosques, wherein God's Name is much mentioned. Assuredly God will help him who helps Him - surely God is All-strong, All-mighty".

God Almighty has spoken truly.

We, the scions and representatives of all sectors, categories, official and private entities and national institutions of the Kuwaiti people,

Assembled in the Kuwaiti People's Congress, convened under the auspices of the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, at the invitation of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Salem al-Sabah, at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from 24 to 26 Rabi' I A.H. 1411, corresponding to 13-15 October A.D. 1990, under the motto "Liberation ... our motto, our path, our goal",

Recalling all the events and developments which have occurred in our beloved nation, and in Arab and international forums, since the Iraqi régime carried out its treacherous act of aggression against Kuwait on 11 Muharram A.H. 1411, corresponding to 2 August A.D. 1990, occupying all its territory and subsequently announcing - in a further act of outrageous aggression - its annexation to Iraq,

Considering the address by His Highness the Amir at the opening of the Congress, the address by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and the address delivered on behalf of participants in the Congress by Mr. Abd al-Aziz Hamad al-Sagor, all of which were adopted as official documents of the Congress and which, in accordance with the wishes of the Congress, are to serve as a basis for Government action,

Bearing in mind all our discussions and deliberations in the course of our Congress,

Have decided as follows:

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1. We declare to the entire world our categorical rejection and condemnation of the Iraqi régime's occupation of our nation of Kuwait, constituting as it does a wicked act of aggression against the independent and sovereign State of Kuwait, a member of the League of Arab States and of the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as a flagrant violation of all international covenants and laws, and particularly of the Pact of the League of Arab States and the Charter of the United Nations.

2. We declare to the entire world that all the claims and assertions made by the Iraqi régime to justify its criminal invasion and occupation of the independent State of Kuwait are spurious and void. We affirm our categorical rejection of these claims and assertions, which run counter to truth and reality and are confounded by history.

3. We declare to the entire world that we condemn and abhor all the acts of murder, violence, torture and terrorism which have been carried out by the forces of the Iraqi régime against innocent defenceless civilian Kuwaitis and nationals of fraternal and friendly countries, including women and children, as well as the Iraqi occupation forces' attacks on places of worship and acts of theft, looting and pillage, which have extended even to hospitals and schools. We further call upon the peoples of the entire world to condemn and denounce these inhumane practices.

4. We declare to the entire world our devotion to the system of government chosen by our people from the outset and approved by succeeding generations. We affirm that all the people of Kuwait - men and women, the elderly, young people and children - stand united as one behind our legitimate leadership, as embodied in our Amir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, and his Crown Prince, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Salem al-Sabah (may God protect them both).

5. We pledge to God, to ourselves, to all those of our compatriots who are standing fast in our beloved Kuwait, and to those fighting outside the country, that liberation is our goal, return is our aim, the Amir is our leader, the holy war is our path, national unity is our weapon and death in God's service is our noblest desire, until such time as, with God's help, victory is achieved and we cleanse our land from the infestation of the aggressive invaders.

6. We salute the steadfastness of our compatriots in our beloved Kuwait, their heroic struggle against the wicked occupation forces and their courageous resistance, which is being followed by us and by the entire world with awe and admiration. We commend their sacrifices, which are illuminating our path to liberation, and we assure them that they are not alone in confronting the aggression of the Iraqi clique of oppressors. We all stand united behind them, and we are joined by all peoples which love peace and reject aggression. The latter are assisting and supporting us and massing their forces in solidarity with our struggle to liberate our nation, repel the invaders and drive out the aggressors, in conformity with the words of God Almighty: "O believers, be patient, and vie you in patience; be steadfast; fear God; haply so you will prosper". God Almighty has spoken truly.

7. We call upon all members of the Kuwaiti people who are outside our beloved country to do all that they can, to the extent permitted by their situation and their abilities, to liberate our nation and to drive the aggressive invaders from our homes.

8. We declare to the entire world that the people of Kuwait have from the outset been a single family and will, with God's assistance, remain so, united by mutual affection, co-operation, respect and devotion in times of both prosperity and adversity. However much their judgements may differ and their points of view diverge, they remain a single family: love for Kuwait brings their hearts together, and loyalty and dedication to their country unite their positions and their words.

9. We declare to the entire world that there can be no bargaining or negotiation over the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Kuwait. We affirm our categorical rejection of any solution which does not provide for full implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference, held at Cairo on 19 Muharram A.H. 1411 (10 August A.D. 1990), and the resolutions of the Security Council, all of which declared their rejection and condemnation of the Iraqi aggression against the independent State of Kuwait and its forcible annexation, insisted on the unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from all Kuwaiti territory and affirmed support for the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate authority.

10. We appeal to the United Nations, its specialized agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, Amnesty International, the Commission on Human Rights and all international humanitarian bodies to exert their utmost efforts to persuade the Iraqi régime to reduce the afflictions and inhumane treatment to which Kuwaiti citizens and nationals of other States residing in our country are exposed at the hands of the Iraqi occupation forces. We call upon those bodies to do all in their power to send representatives to protect citizens and residents of Kuwait from the violence, terrorism and harassment meted out by the Iraqi occupation forces.

11. We appeal to the Security Council and the international community to move as quickly as possible to curtail Iraqi measures designed to erase Kuwait's political individuality, efface its historic features and national and cultural identity and alter its demographic structure by forcibly expelling its people and bringing in foreign groups to take their place, to live in their houses and to settle in their homes.

12. We call upon the Security Council to take a decision permitting the international community to use the means at its disposal to enforce Council resolutions in such a way as to ensure the withdrawal of the Iraqi occupation forces from Kuwait and to enable restoration of the legitimate authority. In particular, we urge the five permanent members of the Council, in view of their major responsibilities towards the international community, to take steps to facilitate such a decision.

13. We urge those fraternal Arab States which, for one reason or another, failed to observe the principles of truth and justice by rejecting the act of aggression to reconsider their positions in the light of the teachings of the true Islamic religion, of national principles, of Arab morality and of humanitarian values, to clear their consciences and to join the international consensus which aspires to ensure the victory of what is right and the downfall of what is false. They will undoubtedly recognize in the end that a just and courageous position of principle is both better and more durable.

14. We affirm that the position of certain Palestinian leaders will not affect our unswerving solidarity with the Palestinian people in its just struggle to liberate its homeland and recover its usurped rights, because we are confident that the Palestinian people, with all its sacrifices, standards and principles, cannot be satisfied or convinced by the self-serving position of such leaders, the principal effect of which is to detract from the Palestinian cause, the credibility of the Palestinian struggle and the interests of the Palestinian people itself.

15. We declare that, despite our sorrows and injuries, and the misfortunes and afflictions which have befallen our people as a result of the wicked Iraqi régime's aggression, we do not harbour any grudge against the fraternal people of Iraq, neither do we feel any rancour against them, because we are quite certain that they are helplessly awaiting the hour of their release from the despot of Baghdad and his clique of oppressors, who mistreat them terribly. They dragged the Iraqis into a ruinous and unproductive war against the Muslim people of Iran which claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands among both peoples and eroded their resources and national riches. Now, today, they are dragging the Iraqi people into a hopeless confrontation with the entire world which cannot bring that country's people anything but destruction, ruin and the death of yet more of its sons.

16. We express our deep gratitude to all those fraternal and friendly States and peoples which have stood by Kuwait in opposing the aggression of the treacherous Iraqi régime and supported it in word and in deed. We affirm that succeeding generations of the Kuwaiti people will continue to recall this courageous and just position with appreciation and recognition.

17. We express our profound gratitude to the international community and its peoples, as represented in the United Nations, and particularly in the Security Council, for the resolutions and measures they have taken to repudiate and condemn the Iraqi aggression against Kuwait, to demand the immediate unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from all Kuwaiti territory and to affirm their support for the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate authority. We also applaud the faithful efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and of representatives of members of the Security Council, in that connection.

18. We express our profound gratitude and appreciation to those fraternal and friendly Arab States - to their leaders, Governments and peoples - which opened their hearts, homes and territories to receive and care for Kuwaiti citizens who were there at the time of the iniquitous Iraqi invasion or who fled to those places subsequently. In saluting the gallantry and generosity which dictated this noble fraternal behaviour, we ask God, on behalf of Kuwait and its people, to reward them most amply.

19. We express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the fraternal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - to its King, Government and people - for hosting our Congress and providing it with the services and facilities required to convene and conduct it. We pray to God that our meeting in this virtuous land will serve as the auspicious opening of a glorious drive to liberate our homeland and restore our usurped territory.

20. We confirm that, once God has granted us victory over the clique of oppressors and we have liberated our territory from the infestation of the Iraqi régime's wicked occupation, we shall, with God's help and assistance, rebuild our beloved Kuwait ... the Kuwait of the future ... the Kuwait of the single family ... on two principal foundations.

- (i) Our society shall be based on established foundations, first and foremost among which is the Islamic nature of our faith and adherence thereto. The new Kuwaiti house must be built on Islamic upbringing, morals and practice such as to educate a generation which believes in the Lord, understands the greatness of Islam, its solid truth and the generosity of Islam in dealings among people and grasps its meaning and sense in each and every aspect. It shall be open to the world and receptive to its innovations, shall through wisdom and good counsel draw others unto God and shall coexist well with others and their beliefs. It shall be affiliated to the Arab community in respect of history, sentiments and higher interests. It shall be humanitarian in manner, shall reject and condemn tyranny and shall support and endorse truth. It shall be a beacon of thought, civilization and dedication, giving of its best to the progress and development of its brothers, its friends and other peoples, and trusting in its humanitarian and civilizing role.
- (ii) The Kuwaiti people shall hold fast to its national unity and legitimate system of Government - as chosen and approved by it - based on consultation, democracy and popular participation under the terms of the Constitution adopted in 1962, which is regarded as the protective shield and fundamental guarantee of the community's safety.

God is most great. Glory to Kuwait.

May God be a witness to our words.

