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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a message from His Highness Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, addressed to H.E. M. François Mitterrand, President of France and Chairman of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would arrange for this message to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Message from His Highness Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, addressed to H.E. M. François Mitterrand, President of France and Chairman of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

On behalf of the peaceful people of Kuwait, who now are under the yoke of the brutal Iraqi occupation and in the name of Kuwait's Government and myself, it gives me pleasure to extend our greetings and appreciation to you and to the Presidents and heads of State participating in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

It is a historic, significant event when you group together once again after the international arena has, since your last meeting, witnessed major developments in the pursuit of the well-being of man, the maker of civilization and peace, which is the underpinning of stability and progress.

This assembly of yours comes as the entire world witnesses the birth and formulation of a new international order in which the evil spirit is to disappear and the war trumpet is to be silenced; one in which principles of justice and edifices of peace are to stand tall while artificial barriers are to fall and the spirit of rapprochement is to thrive; one that is marked by a process clearly characterized by a genuine desire for disarmament and the eradication of instruments of mass destruction while gearing towards economic development and ensuring a safer, more stable future for coming generations.

At this juncture, which is distinguished by such lustrous hallmarks, our region of the Arab Gulf has undergone a set-back and a crushing blow to all principles and covenants. That was the Iraqi aggression and occupation of an independent State Member of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, which is my country, Kuwait. And it was followed by annexation, arbitrary measures and practices against the Kuwaiti people and their properties, destruction of the economic and social infrastructures and uprooting them in a historical precedent the like of which our modern world has never witnessed. Should such acts be left without immediate and decisive deterrence, they will upset the balances, values and rules followed by humanity after it had strived for their adoption and acceptance as law.

It is indeed distressing that the aggressor's hand of sin should extend its cruelty to citizens of third countries, including a very large number of your own, expose them to varieties of torment and turn them into tools in an exploitative manner that humiliates human dignity and rights after those citizens were once elements of goodness, amity and production in the economic development plans of our beloved Kuwait.

Now it has become evident that the fallout of that Iraqi aggression did not stop at Kuwait, but went further beyond to strike at the world's security and stability and to spawn very damaging adverse effects for its economies.

But the international community's courageous, prompt and decisive position through the Security Council with the full support of all your countries and its adoption of essential steps to restore justice, remove infringement and repulse aggression were a matter of great consequence and a clear message to the aggressor that the civilized world stands firmly against him and will not allow him to continue his aggression.

In the name of the people and Government of Kuwait, I thank Your Excellency and all the honourable Presidents and heads of State attending this Conference for your brave posture on behalf of rightness as the path of peace. I renew my appeal for you to consider in your important deliberations the question of taking appropriate measures against the continued Iraqi occupation and aggression on my country and people in Kuwait and against that régime's persistence in non-compliance with your will and its defiance of the Security Council's resolutions and tenets of international legitimacy.

Through your roles, obligations and values regarding the establishment of peace in the world you have special responsibilities entailing that you do not allow this aggression to continue or this aggressor to reap any fruit from aggression. We are partners of the present, and the making of future and our values render it imperative that we unite and work together to advocate rightness and defeat wickedness. From my position of close observation and responsibility I should point out that time is of the essence in bringing this aggression to a halt and in ending its fallout.