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IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the comments of Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning statements made by Marlin Fitzwater, the official White House spokesman.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Annex

Comments of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq concerning
statements made by the official White House spokesman

Commenting on statements made by Marlin Fitzwater, the official White House spokesman, who referred to so-called unexpected provocations on the part of Iraq, and linking that with the military aggression being planned by the United States Administration, the Minister for Foreign Affairs said that Iraq had declared its firm desire to reach a peaceful and just solution of all the difficulties in the region and had conducted itself in a highly responsible manner and out of a principled desire to achieve peace. However, the claims made by the United States at the onset of the events to the effect that the American military build-up was intended for the defence of Saudi Arabia against a (fictitious) Iraqi threat were unmasked when Bush announced officially that he had changed his objectives from a defence against that so-called threat to an attack on Iraq.

It became obvious that the United States Administration - as we confirmed - had been planning since the very outset to attack Iraq in order to achieve its colonialist objectives in the region.

The reference by Fitzwater, however, to the alleged provocative actions on the part of Iraq was designed to provide a pretext for the United States Administration to unleash aggression under a smokescreen by sowing confusion and organizing a campaign to mislead the American people, the United States Congress and world public opinion. The Foreign Minister confirmed that, if any provocative acts occurred in the region, they would have been contrived by United States intelligence with the aim of justifying the aggression. Iraq vehemently warns against any criminal schemes on the part of the United States Administration, which shall bear full responsibility for anything that might be described as "criminal acts".

