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**LETTER DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Further to our letters concerning the systematic destruction in Kuwait of all aspects of economic activity being carried out by the Iraqi occupation authorities in an attempt to destroy the independent economic existence of the State, I should like to inform you that all amenities in the agricultural sector, a sector for the promotion and development of which Kuwait has made strenuous efforts in severe climatological and environmental conditions, have been subjected to such widespread destruction that losses have amounted to more than a billion dollars.

These enormous losses embrace agricultural development, aesthetic landscaping, animal husbandry and fisheries, inasmuch as the inhuman Iraqi régime harbours resentment not only against mankind but against life itself, the environment, plants and animals. Plantations have been ruined and plundered; parks and fish production plants have been destroyed; cattle, sheep and horses have been stolen; and poultry farms and fishing boats have been seized.

All thoroughbred Arab horses, at least 2,000 head, have been removed from stud farms and from the riding club and transported to Baghdad, as have at least 20,000 head of cattle. The contents of the zoological garden, including all of its rare animals, have likewise been removed. Parks, of which there are more than 100 in Kuwait, have been transformed into military camps, bringing about the destruction of water pipes and plants.

Some 862 plantations of an area of approximately 434 hectares and some 6,944 hectares of field crops, one half located in the north close to the Kuwait-Iraq borders and the other in the south close to the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia borders, have been threatened with complete destruction. The output of these areas is close to 50,000 tons of vegetables a year, and it meets about 19 per cent of Kuwait's domestic consumption requirements. Moreover, because of destruction and neglect, 200 kilometres of avenues and 66 kilometres of highway borders with plantings, as well as forestry projects covering an area of 4,000 hectares, have been ruined.

The Iraqi forces have seized all of the more than 1,000 fishing boats and have wrecked research vessels equipped with scientific instruments for the study of marine life, in which connection it should be noted that fish production in Kuwait had risen to some 11,000 tons a year.

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At the same time, foodstuffs have begun to run out, so that the Kuwaiti people is being subjected to a process of intimidation the like of which is unknown in previous history. Kuwaitis who refuse to acquire Iraqi identity documents are unable to obtain food or fuel, thereby increasing the suffering of Kuwaiti citizens under an Iraqi colonialist policy of starving them out with the goal of forcing them to leave their homeland.

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

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