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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the text of the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation of 22 August 1992 regarding the failure of the Iraqi Government fully to discharge its obligations under Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Y. VORONTSOV

Annex

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Reports emanating from Iraq are providing more and more additional evidence that the Iraqi Government is continuing its refusal conscientiously and fully to discharge its obligations under Security Council resolutions.

Baghdad is waging war against its own people in the south and maintaining an economic blockade of the northern regions of Iraq.

At the same time, the efforts of the United Nations to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people are being blocked and Security Council resolutions 706 (1991) and 712 (1991) on the operation of a compensation mechanism as part of the post-crisis settlement are being repudiated. The Iraqi authorities are refusing to cooperate with the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission established by the United Nations.

Particular grounds for concern are afforded by Baghdad's haggling, tantamount to sabotage, about the inspection work of the United Nations Special Commission on Iraqi disarmament. Anti-United Nations hysteria is being deliberately stirred up in the country, sometimes to the point of open threats against the personal safety of United Nations inspectors.

Baghdad's actions constitute a serious threat to the security of a region directly adjacent to Russia's southern borders, to the security of our friends in the Persian Gulf and to international peace and stability as a whole.

The Russian Federation has more than once raised with the Iraqi leadership the inadmissibility of playing political games with decisions of the world community. The time for admonition and persuasion has passed. No one has the right to flout the authority of the United Nations with impunity and to ignore the resolutions of its Security Council. The world community is rightly demanding that Iraq should submit to these resolutions, and will if the need arises employ all necessary means to ensure that it does so. In accordance with Security Council resolution 678 (1990) Russia will support all necessary means against Iraq to ensure implementation of the United Nations decisions on the post-crisis settlement in the Persian Gulf.

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