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LETTER DATED 15 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 5 December 1994 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Mr. Hamed Youssef Hamadi, addressed to you, accompanied by a list of social sciences textbooks used at all levels of education during the school year 1994/95.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the letter from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, accompanied by the aforementioned book list, circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 5 December 1994 from the Acting Minister
for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq addressed
to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Iraq, pursuant to the provisions of decision No. 200 of the Revolution Command Council dated 10 November 1994, has taken a number of measures regarding the Iraqi school curriculum.

Kuwaiti officials are constantly claiming in the United Nations, the League of Arab States and UNESCO that there are references in the Iraqi school syllabus to Kuwait as belonging to Iraq. Such allegations are systematically synchronized with the Security Council's reviews of the sanctions regime. As everyone knows, those are all attempts to set the members of the Council against Iraq, to sow doubt and to distort the facts, with the aim of blocking efforts to lift the sanctions against Iraq. Among other allegations, it is claimed that the Iraqi Ministry of Education has published teaching materials referring to Kuwait as a province of Iraq. As for those allegations, the truth of the matter was outlined in the letter dated 18 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/26855).

It is perhaps worth recalling that at a press conference on 22 November 1994, Mr. Ahmed Al-Robai, the Kuwaiti Minister of Education, stated that "the Iraqi school curricula for 1994 are encouraging and represent a development favourable to Kuwait ... and the current curricula now consider Kuwait to be a State, not an Iraqi province ...". He went on to add that he had "received copies of the Iraqi curricula used at various levels of education during the current year ... in the curriculum Kuwait has been added to the list of other Arab countries or oil-producing countries ...".

It is also worth noting that the publication of new editions of all textbooks at all levels would require financial resources that Iraq does not have, because of the continuation of the comprehensive embargo covering materials and other items required for education. Iraq has already requested the Security Council to authorize the release from frozen Iraqi funds of the resources required for those purposes, but there has been no response.

We take this opportunity to reaffirm to the Security Council that there is absolutely no mention of Kuwait as being a part of Iraq in the curricula used at any level in educational establishments in the Republic of Iraq. So as to back up this reaffirmation with supporting evidence, I am transmitting herewith a list of social sciences textbooks being used at all levels during the school year 1994/95.

I hope that when this letter and the attached information are brought to the attention of the members of the Council, they will provide adequate proof that the matter has been settled once and for all, and that there is no longer any reason to raise it or to allow anyone to raise it before the Council.

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I should be grateful if you would consider this letter to be an official Security Council document.

(Signed) Hamed Youssef HAMADI
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

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ATTACHMENT

List of textbooks

Title	Level
1. History of the Arab Islamic world	Primary, level V
2. Geography of the Arab nation	Primary, level V
3. Geography of Iraq	Primary, level VI
4. Modern and contemporary history of the Arab nation	Primary, level VI
5. Ancient history of the Arab nation	Intermediate, level I
6. Principles of general geography	Intermediate, level I
7. Geography of the Arab nation	Intermediate, level II
8. History of the Arab Islamic world	Intermediate, level II
9. Modern and contemporary history of the Arab nation	Intermediate, level III
10. Geography of Iraq and some neighbouring countries	Intermediate, level III
11. General geography	General, level IV
12. History of Arab Islamic civilization	General, level IV
13. Modern history	Humanities, level V
14. Natural geography	Humanities, level V
15. Modern and contemporary history of the Arab nation	Humanities, level VI
16. Economic geography	Humanities, level VI
