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Letter dated 14 August 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The delegation of Kuwait would like to inform you that several armed military launches flying Iranian flags have encroached on the territorial waters of Kuwait. While conducting a survey of the southern maritime areas on Monday, 24 July 2023 at 9.30 a.m., the competent authorities in Kuwait observed three armed Iranian military vessels at the coordinates 28 55.676 N 48 55.556 E. Upon approaching those vessels, it was discovered that each of them had a three-person crew and was mounted with a .50-calibre automatic machine gun. At 9.50 a.m., the Iranian vessels left the above-mentioned coordinates and headed in the direction of the platforms located in the Durrah field, continuing on until they left the economic waters of Kuwait.

These encroachments and acts of aggression could lead to confrontations that threaten security and peace in this region, and it is well known that Kuwait alone has full sovereignty over its territorial waters. The Government of Kuwait therefore deplores and protests against those encroachments and acts of aggression in the strongest terms. It calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to put a stop to them in order to safeguard the interests of Kuwait, respect its rights and uphold stability and security therein.

The Government of Kuwait reiterates its protest against any encroachment on its maritime zone. It reserves all its rights under the rules of international law, including its right to take all necessary measures to stop the recurrence of such encroachments on its maritime zone.

The Permanent Mission of Kuwait requests the President of the Security Council to inform the Security Council and to circulate the present letter to all Member States as a document of the Security Council.

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