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**Letter dated 18 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of
Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

I have the honour to attach herewith the statement on the recent regional developments issued by the Ministerial Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf during its forty-eighth extraordinary meeting, held on Monday, 16 June 2025 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 18 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Statement issued at the forty-eighth extraordinary meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council on regional developments

Secretariat, Riyadh

In the light of regional developments and Israeli attacks on the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Ministerial Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf held its forty-eighth extraordinary meeting via videoconference on Monday, 16 June 2025. The meeting was chaired by Abdullah Ali Abdullah Al-Yahya, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, Chair of the current session of the Ministerial Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf. The meeting was attended by the following:

- His Excellency Khalifa Shaheen Al Marar, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates.
- His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bahrain.
- His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia.
- His Excellency Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Albusaidi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Oman.
- His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Qatar.
- His Excellency Sheikh Jarrah Al-Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kuwait.
- His Excellency Jassem Mohammed Abdullah al-Budaiwi, Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

After discussing those developments, the following statement was issued:

1. The Ministerial Council condemned Israeli attacks on the Islamic Republic of Iran, which undermined its sovereignty and security and constituted a clear violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. The Council stressed the need to return to the diplomatic track.

2. The Ministerial Council expressed the need for an immediate ceasefire to safeguard regional security and stability, and for all parties to exert joint efforts to de-escalate the situation, adopt diplomacy as an effective means of settling conflicts, exercise maximum restraint and spare the region and its peoples the dangers of war.

3. The Ministerial Council emphasized the importance of the role played by the International Atomic Energy Agency in strengthening preventive security, warning of the grave human and environmental consequences of attacks on nuclear facilities. Such strikes were a threat to safety and the comprehensive safeguards system and a violation of international law and international humanitarian law, which prohibited the targeting of nuclear facilities.

4. The Ministerial Council called on the Security Council and the international community to assume their responsibilities to bring an immediate end to the war and prevent escalation, given its serious repercussions for regional and international peace. The Ministerial Council also called for the continuation of United States-Iranian negotiations, facilitated by Oman, on the Iranian nuclear issue.

5. The Ministerial Council emphasized the need to adhere to the basic foundations and principles of the Charter and international law and the principles of good neighbourliness, respect for the sovereignty of States, non-interference in internal affairs, the resolution of disputes by peaceful means and the non-use of force and the threat of force.

6. The Ministerial Council stressed the importance of maintaining maritime security and the security of waterways in the region, and of responding to actions that threatened international and regional security and stability, such as the targeting of commercial vessels and threats to shipping lines, international trade and oil facilities in Cooperation Council States.

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