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LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith an official statement issued by Kuwait concerning the acceptance of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

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ANNEX

Official Kuwaiti statement dated 19 July 1988 regarding the
acceptance of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) by the
Islamic Republic of Iran

[Original: Arabic]

It was with great hopes and immense joy that Kuwait greeted the news of the acceptance by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), which embodies an equitable and honourable formula to end the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq on the basis of the international rule of law.

We hope that the acceptance of this resolution by our friend the Islamic Republic of Iran was prompted by the desire, on the one hand, to respond to the appeals for peace launched by the international community as a whole since the beginning of the conflict and, on the other hand, to complement the immediate acceptance of the resolution on 20 July 1987 by our brother Iraq.

Kuwait welcomes this vitally important and long-awaited decision on the road to peace, and hopes that it reflects a policy aimed at establishing a comprehensive peace in the region, on the basis of the principles of Islam, a religion of peace, love and solidarity.

Kuwait believes that it is the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations that have the primary responsibility for the immediate and comprehensive implementation of all the provisions of the resolution, with a view to guaranteeing the establishment of a just and lasting peace.

Together with all the peace-loving peoples, Kuwait welcomes this significant step. It also hopes and prays that the noble objectives which prompted the decision of the Islamic Republic of Iran will constitute immutable and fundamental elements of its foreign policy.

Kuwait declares its readiness to contribute to all the peace efforts, in particular the efforts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to facilitate and guarantee the implementation of the resolution in the interest of peace, security and stability between these two Muslim neighbours, namely Iraq and Iran, and throughout the region of the Arabian Gulf.

