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GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

BETWEEN STATES

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Letter dated 6 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the statement issued by the Twelve States members of the European Community on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Saturday, 4 August 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 71, 142 and 144 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Twelve States members of the European
Community on Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

The Community and its member States reiterate their unreserved condemnation of the brutal Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and their demand for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from the territory of Kuwait, already expressed in their statement of 2 August.

They consider groundless and unacceptable the reasons provided by the Iraqi Government to justify the military aggression against Kuwait, and they will refrain from any act that may be considered as implicit recognition of authorities imposed in Kuwait by the invaders.

In order to safeguard the interests of the legitimate Government of Kuwait, they have decided to take steps to protect all assets belonging directly or indirectly to the State of Kuwait.

The Community and its member States confirm their full support for United Nations Security Council resolution 660 and call upon Iraq to comply with the provisions of that resolution. If the Iraqi authorities fail so to comply, the Community and its member States will work for, support and implement a Security Council resolution to introduce mandatory and comprehensive sanctions.

As of now, they have decided to adopt the following:

- (a) An embargo on oil imports from Iraq and Kuwait;
- (b) Appropriate measures aimed at freezing Iraqi assets in the territory of member States;
- (c) An embargo on sales of arms and other military equipment to Iraq;
- (d) The suspension of any co-operation in the military sphere with Iraq;
- (e) The suspension of technical and scientific co-operation with Iraq;
- (f) The suspension of the application to Iraq of the System of Generalized Preferences.

The Community and its member States reiterate their firm conviction that disputes between States should be settled by peaceful means and are prepared to participate in any effort to defuse the tension in the area.

They are in close contact with the Governments of several Arab countries and follow with utmost attention the discussion within the Arab League and the Gulf Co-operation Council. They hope that Arab initiatives will contribute to the restoration of international legality and of the legitimate Government of Kuwait.

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The Community and its member States are ready to lend their full support to such initiatives and to efforts to resolve by negotiations the differences between the States concerned.

The Community and its member States are carefully monitoring the situation of Economic Community nationals in Iraq and in Kuwait; they maintain strict co-ordination in order to guarantee their safety.
