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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to quote below for your information a statement issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. F. Botha, dated 3 August 1990 concerning the invasion by Iraqi forces of Kuwait.

"The South African Government has noted with grave concern the events that have taken place in Kuwait in the last 24 hours. The Government condemns the invasion by Iraqi forces of Kuwait.

These events are all the more regrettable in the face of the efforts made by a number of parties in the region to settle the Iraq/Kuwait dispute peacefully through negotiations. In the new spirit of conciliation now prevailing throughout the world, and based on South Africa's own successful experience in resolving disputes through negotiation, the South African Government calls on Iraq to cease all military actions, and to withdraw its troops from Kuwait immediately. Under no circumstances will the South African Government consider recognition of the so-called provisional Government installed by force in Kuwait."

I should be grateful if the statement could be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jeremy B. SHEARAR  
Permanent Representative

