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Forty-fifth yearLetter dated 6 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative
of Maldives to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the press release issued on 4 August 1990 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release issued on 4 August 1990 by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Maldives

The Government of the Republic of Maldives is deeply concerned over the critical developments in the Gulf in the wake of the Iraqi armed intervention in Kuwait. As a matter of principle the Maldives has always opposed all acts of intervention and interference by States in the internal affairs of other States, and the use of force in the settlement of disputes. It is regrettable that the Maldives has to express a view against a country with whom it enjoys extremely good relations. The Government of the Republic of Maldives urges the Iraqi Government to respond positively to the call of the Security Council and the international community and immediately and unconditionally to withdraw its troops from Kuwait allowing the people of Kuwait to restore normalcy in their country. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Maldives calls upon Iraq to settle the dispute through peaceful means.
