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LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GUATEMALA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you a press release issued by the Government of the Republic of Guatemala in connection with the invasion of the State of Kuwait by the armed forces of the Republic of Iraq, emphasizing that the Guatemalan Government will adopt the measures necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the economic embargo until Iraq changes its posture and heeds the appeals made by the international community through the United Nations Security Council.

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

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Annex

Press release issued on 15 August 1990 by the Government
of the Republic of Guatemala

In the light of the recent events provoked by the invasion of the State of Kuwait by the armed forces of the Republic of Iraq, the Government of the Republic, declares before national and international public opinion:

1. Owing to its full respect for the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and its conviction that the use of force in international relations should be eradicated and replaced by negotiation and dialogue, it vigorously condemns the invasion carried out by the Iraqi armed forces against the State of Kuwait on 2 August 1990.
2. Likewise, it regards as unacceptable the statement made by the Government of the Republic of Iraq annexing the territory of the State of Kuwait, believing that this decision flagrantly violates the fundamental principles which govern the international community.
3. For this reason, it calls upon the Government of the Republic of Iraq to proceed with the immediate and effective withdrawal of the occupation troops from the territory of the State of Kuwait.
4. Convinced that joint action by the international community is the most appropriate means of addressing situations which call into question the validity of the principles of international law, such as non-intervention, the free self-determination of peoples, and the peaceful settlement of international disputes, it shares the spirit of Security Council resolutions 661 (1990) and 662 (1990) and endorses the measures laid down in those resolutions.
5. Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala will adopt the measures necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the economic embargo until the régime of the Republic of Iraq changes its posture and heeds the calls issued by the international community through the United Nations Security Council.

