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Letter dated 5 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 5 August 1990 by the Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan on the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces (see annex).

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

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 5 August 1990 by the Chief Cabinet Secretary
of the Government of Japan on the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi
forces

The Government of Japan, from the standpoint that international conflicts must be resolved peacefully, strongly condemns the invasion of Kuwait by the Iraqi forces and urges once again the Government of Iraq to comply immediately with the United Nations Security Council resolution 660.

The Government of Japan, from this standpoint, has decided to take the following measures, in addition to the measures it has taken to protect Kuwaiti assets in Japan:

- (a) To embargo oil imports from Iraq and Kuwait;
- (b) To embargo exports to Iraq and Kuwait;
- (c) To take appropriate measures to suspend investments, loans and other capital transactions with Iraq and Kuwait;
- (d) To freeze economic co-operation to Iraq.

The Government of Japan, when a resolution on sanctions is approved by the Security Council, will faithfully implement this resolution.

The Government of Japan will continue to take necessary steps to ensure safety of Japanese nationals in that region.

The Government of Japan wholeheartedly supports international efforts to resolve the problem through negotiations.
