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Letter dated 6 August 1990 from the representatives of the Union  
of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America  
to the United Nations addressed to Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you the text of the joint statement adopted in Moscow on 3 August 1990 during the meeting between the Secretary of State of the United States of America, James A. Baker III, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Eduard A. Shevardnadze (see annex).

We request you to circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint statement

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, as members of the United Nations Security Council, consider it important that the Council promptly and decisively condemn the brutal and illegal invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi military forces. The United States and the Soviet Union believe that now it is essential that the Security Council resolution be fully and immediately implemented. By its action, Iraq has shown its contempt for the most fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

In response to this blatant transgression of the basic norms of civilized conduct, the United States and the Soviet Union have each taken a number of actions, including the Soviet suspension of arms deliveries and the American freezing of assets. The Soviet Union and the United States reiterate our call for the unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. The sovereignty, national independence, legitimate authorities and territorial integrity of the State of Kuwait must be completely restored and safeguarded. The United States and the Soviet Union believe the international community must not only condemn this action, but also take practical steps in response to it.

Today we take the unusual step of jointly calling upon the rest of the international community to join with us in an international cut-off of all arms supplies to Iraq. In addition, the Soviet Union and the United States call on regional organizations, especially the League of Arab States, all Arab Governments, as well as the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to take all possible steps to ensure that the United Nations Security Council resolution is carried out. Governments that engage in blatant aggression must know that the international community cannot and will not acquiesce in nor facilitate aggression.

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