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LETTER DATED 19 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 11 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar (document S/21500), I have the honour to make the following comments regarding the resolution adopted by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Cairo on 10 August 1990, which accompanied that letter.

As is clearly and unequivocally demonstrated by the document, the resolution met with opposition, abstention or reservations on the part of nine Arab States, including Tunisia, which did not attend the Conference. The aforementioned resolution therefore, in accordance with the Pact of the League of Arab States, is legally void, being manifestly incompatible with the provisions of the Pact. By way of explanation, we refer to article 6 of the Pact, whereby urgent meetings convened either in the form of a summit or at the level of the Council of the League require that decisions be adopted unanimously if any such decision includes specific measures or moves. As is well known, the decision does include a series of measures, including the dispatch of Arab forces.

We also consider it necessary to point out that the haste with which the Summit was convened, without any preparations or consultations, and the manner in which it was suddenly announced on the very eve of the event, without providing an opportunity for participants to express their positions, thus violating all the rules and conventions followed at high-level conferences of this sort, confirm that it formed part of a conspiracy to give an Arab veneer, in the shadow of United States bayonets, to the presence of foreign forces in Arab territory, to supply a legal formula for that presence and to provide cover for the aggression being planned by the United States of America and its followers. The Arab States which did not take part in this conspiracy refused to allow their presence to be of a merely token nature, intended simply for the purpose of voting on a resolution, which had been prepared in advance without any consultation, to bestow legitimacy on the foreign presence in the Arab region. These States insisted that the subject

of the United States forces and their removal should be discussed. The results of the Summit are of course not only illegal but non-binding and futile.

I request that you have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

