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Letter dated 7 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 7 August 1990 by the Government of the Republic of Ghana on the current crisis between Iraq and Kuwait (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would 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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ANNEX

Statement issued on 7 August 1990 by the Government of Ghana
on the Iraq-Kuwait crisis

The Government of Ghana has expressed concern at the latest developments in the conflict between Iraq and Kuwait. It had been expected that the negotiations embarked upon by the two countries in the past few days would lead to a peaceful settlement of the crisis.

The Government of Ghana therefore feels compelled to address an urgent appeal to Iraq to exercise restraint and to return to the negotiating table with Kuwait in order to bring about a peaceful settlement.

This appeal is made in accordance with the spirit and principles of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the principle of non-use of force in the settlement of disputes.

It is the view of the Ghana Government that the Government and people of Kuwait should be allowed to find a peaceful solution to any internal problems confronting their country. Ghana therefore urges the Iraqi Government to take steps to withdraw its forces from Kuwait to allow the situation there to return to normality as soon as possible.

The Government of Ghana further appeals to all Powers within and outside the Gulf area to refrain from any action that might aggravate the conflict between Iraq and Kuwait.
