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Letter dated 17 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you, enclosed herewith, the text of the official statement of the Government of Yugoslavia, issued on 17 August 1990, concerning the situation in the Gulf region.

I should be grateful if the statement would be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragoslav PEJIĆ
Ambassador

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Statement of the Government of Yugoslavia issued on
17 August 1990

The Yugoslav Government is deeply concerned over the continued serious aggravation of the situation in the Gulf region in the wake of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Developments threaten to escalate the conflict further, with possible unforeseeable consequences even beyond this region. The international community must take every action conducive to negotiations aimed at eliminating the causes and consequences of the aggression, and thus prevent any further dangerous escalation of tensions.

As a country currently chairing the Non-Aligned Movement, Yugoslavia once again most strongly condemns the act of aggression against and annexation of Kuwait, which it considers null and void. It resolutely calls for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Iraqi troops from the territory of Kuwait, for the respect of its sovereignty and restoration of its territorial integrity, which remains the only way to eliminate the crisis, and reaffirms its full support for the legitimate Government of Kuwait.

Yugoslavia urges the non-aligned countries to work in unison, and together with the entire international community, to overcome the existing situation. The United Nations is clearly the right framework to express international solidarity. Therefore, comprehensive action is necessary to ensure consistent implementation of Security Council resolutions 660 (1990), 661 (1990) and 662 (1990), as well as to co-ordinate all further measures in this organ of the United Nations, all the more so as, under the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.
