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SENEGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I should like to inform you that the deliberations of the Council of Ministers in Senegal on 4 September 1990 marking the resumption of the Government's activities concluded with the issue of a communiqué based largely on an important statement by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, concerning the current crisis in the Gulf.

In view of the very special interest of the statement, I am enclosing the text of it so that it may be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Absa Claude DIALLO

Annex

Statement by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, in the Council of Ministers on Tuesday, 4 September 1990, concerning the crisis in the Gulf

Because of its gravity, the crisis in the Gulf poses a challenge to all peace-loving countries, especially those which, like Senegal, have always maintained friendly relations with the countries directly concerned. In Senegal's view, the cause of the crisis is Iraq's aggression against the State of Kuwait. Accordingly, Senegal condemned the aggression from the very outset and called for the withdrawal of Iraq's troops and the restoration of the legitimate Government of Kuwait under the authority of the Amir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah. Senegal therefore rejects as null and void the decision by Iraq to annex Kuwait. This position reflects Senegal's faithfulness to the principles of international law, in particular the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes. For this reason, while Senegal advocates the search for a peaceful settlement of the crisis within the framework of the United Nations, all of whose resolutions and initiatives it supports, it recognizes the right of every State of the Gulf region to take such steps as it deems necessary for the protection of its security. In addition, I have, through my principal private secretary, conveyed to the King of Saudi Arabia and to the Amir of Kuwait messages expressing my solidarity and that of the Senegalese people and my support for the initiatives taken to restore peace in the region.

In this same spirit, Senegal plans to dispatch a military contingent to Saudi Arabia, subject to the agreement of that country's Government.

