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REPRESENTATIVE OF GABON TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In response to your note SCPC/779(1) of 8 August 1990, I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement made by the Government of Gabon on 30 August 1990 concerning the item entitled "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait".

(Signed) Denis DANGUE REWAKA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the Government of Gabon dated 30 August 1990

The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Iraq, Kuwait and Gabon are members, decided at its most recent meeting, held at Vienna from 26 to 29 August 1990, that the other member countries should help to make up for the shortfall in daily output caused by the blockade against Iraq and Kuwait.

The resulting increase in the pace and volume of production by each OPEC member State should, however, be viewed as a circumstance brought about by a situation of *force majeure* and a matter on which the member States must not go back.

Consequently, any increase in Gabon's oil production as a result of this decision is not at variance with Security Council resolution 661 (1990) on the cessation of the importation and exportation of goods originating in the two countries in question.

Furthermore, Gabon, as a producer of crude oil, does not at the present time export or import any crude oil, oil products or other goods originating in the two countries.

This is the information which Gabon is required to bring to the attention of the Security Council in connection with paragraphs 3 (a) and (b) of resolution 661 (1990).

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