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IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate to him, in response to his Note SCPC/7/90(1), those measures undertaken by Ireland to implement Security Council resolution 661 (1990) on a national basis and as a Member State of the European Community.

The export of arms and other military equipment from Ireland is prohibited under the Control of Exports Act, 1983 save under licence issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. The Government of Ireland has determined that no such licence will be issued in respect of the export of arms and other military equipment to Iraq and Kuwait.

The Central Bank of Ireland has prohibited, except with prior permission, all transactions on accounts or funds held by or on behalf of residents of Iraq or Kuwait or to which such residents are party. Exemptions are provided for credits of payments received and for reasonable living and educational expenses of residents of Iraq and Kuwait in Ireland. Permission will not be granted for any transaction which would result in the transfer of funds or other assets to Iraq or Kuwait.

The European Community adopted a regulation applicable in all Member States with effect from 7 August 1990 providing for a total ban on the import or export of all commodities or products originating in or coming from Iraq and Kuwait. The Minister for Industry and Commerce of Ireland made an order to give full effect to the regulation, providing for penalties for infringements.

A Council decision of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community (Decision 90/414/ECSC of 8 August 1990) made similar provision for products covered by the ECSC Treaty. This was put into effect by orders made by the Government of Ireland prohibiting such imports and preventing exports except under licence issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.