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BETWEEN STATES

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 13 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, with reference to your note SCPC/7/90(1), the text of a statement issued on 10 August 1990 by the Government of the Republic of Hungary on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 71, 142 and 144 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 10 August 1990 by the Government of Hungary

The Government of the Republic of Hungary has learned with deep consternation and concern about the decision made public at Baghdad on 8 August regarding the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq. In the opinion of the Government this step is at variance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law governing relations between States, therefore it is null and void.

In view of its contemporary historic experiences the Hungarian people regards with aversion any deployment of foreign troops under the pretext of "providing assistance". Therefore, the Government feels especially prompted to raise its voice in public, too, against Iraq's endeavour to give a semblance of legality to the unacceptable military aggression.

In accordance with Security Council resolutions 660 (1990), 661 (1990) and 662 (1990), the Government of the Republic of Hungary demands the restoration of the sovereignty and the guaranteeing of the territorial integrity of Kuwait. According to the position of the Government, the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the Iraqi troops from the territory of Kuwait is the fundamental condition for the settlement of the situation.

Hungary recognizes for itself as obligatory the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 on sanctions, since it serves the early settlement of the crisis. In the interest of promoting the settlement, the Government proposes the formation of United Nations peace-keeping forces and their deployment in the region.

Acceding to the statement of the ministerial meeting of the European Communities adopted at Brussels on 10 August 1990, the Government of the Republic of Hungary is ready to participate in any effort carried out within the framework of the United Nations for the restoration of the peace and security of the region. It is confident that the summit meeting of the Arab heads of State and government will bring about results effectively serving an early settlement.

The Hungarian Government is at a loss to comprehend the fact that despite its repeated requests the Iraqi authorities have not made possible so far the free departure of Hungarian citizens presently staying in Kuwait. The Iraqi authorities bear full responsibility for their safety. At the same time the Hungarian Government expects henceforward, too, that the Iraqi authorities allow the immediate and safe return of the Hungarian citizens to their homeland, preferably by means of air transportation.

The Hungarian Government expresses its sincere hope that the grave crisis will be settled without delay by peaceful means.
