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Letter dated 10 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement issued on 9 August 1990 by the Government of Costa Rica concerning the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Emilia CASTRO de BARISH  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Statement dated 9 August 1990 by the Government of Costa Rica  
concerning the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq

The Government of Costa Rica reaffirms its vigorous condemnation of the invasion and aggression committed by Iraq against Kuwait and declares its support for Security Council resolutions 660 (1990) and 661 (1990), adopted with no opposing votes, and 662 (1990), adopted unanimously by the Council today, in which the Council:

1. Decides that annexation of Kuwait by Iraq under any form and whatever pretext has no legal validity, and is considered null and void;
2. Calls upon all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize that annexation, and to refrain from any action or dealings that might be interpreted as an indirect recognition of the annexation;
3. Further demands that Iraq rescind its actions purporting to annex Kuwait.

The Government of Costa Rica intends to respect the above-mentioned resolutions in every particular, and fervently hopes that the Iraqi troops will be withdrawn and that, through joint action, a solution will be found to this grave threat to international peace and security, which constitutes a violation of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations.

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