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LETTER DATED 13 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, refuting the groundless allegations that Iraq has engaged in a military action against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 13 August 1990 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to call to your attention and, through you, to the attention of the international community the fact that the United States of America, its allies and certain Arab States acting in collusion with it, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, are continuing to make false allegations to the effect that Iraq has engaged in a military action against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

These allegations are completely false and groundless, and they constitute a lie which has become obvious to all. In order to assure yourself of this, you have only to request those who make these allegations to provide a single piece of evidence, whether a statement issued by us or an act on our part which might support their allegations. It is no longer a secret that the basic objective behind these false allegations is to provide a cover for the military presence of the United States of America and the States allied with it in Arab territory and to enable the United States, its allies and the Arab States in collusion with it to secure pretexts for armed military aggression against Iraq.

Iraq has carried out no action and has taken no measure, either directly or indirectly, that might constitute a threat to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

On 27 March 1989, Iraq and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed an agreement on non-interference in internal affairs and the non-use of force. Iraq has abided by this agreement and shall continue to do so if Saudi Arabia maintains its commitment to it.

Iraq has informed the rulers of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, directly and through the intermediary of senior Arab officials, that it has no intention of taking any action against Saudi Arabia if the latter refrains from any action against it. It has also once again informed Saudi Arabia of its commitment to the said agreement, officially and directly and on a number of occasions, most recently in the course of the Arab Summit Conference held at Cairo, and it has expressed its readiness, before all of the Arab leaders, to provide the required guarantees through bilateral channels or through the League of Arab States in order to reassure the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

I affirm to you officially that Iraq has no intention of initiating any military action against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Persistence in reiterating such false allegations on the part of the circles that we have mentioned is a tendentious and suspect practice that blatantly reveals conspiratorial and hostile intentions for aggression against Iraq, which, if it were to take place, would plunge into a dark abyss the region, that aggression itself and the foreign forces

stationed in the territory of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in the Arabian Gulf.
Aggression is destined only for failure and defeat.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Iraq

