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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Further to the note verbale I addressed to you on 22 August 1990 (S/21601), I have the honour to communicate more detailed information on the measures adopted thus far by the Government of Malta with a view to implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 661 (1990) of 6 August 1990.

The measures adopted thus far include:

1. The issuance of an official Press Release (No. 1817) on 8 August 1990 reflecting the decision of the Government of Malta to implement Security Council resolution 661 (1990) of 6 August 1990.
2. The issuance of a circular letter by the Secretary to the Cabinet in the Office of the Prime Minister on 13 August 1990 addressed to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and calling on them to abide by the provisions of Security Council resolution 661 (1990) and to take action towards the effective implementation of the provisions of the said resolution.
3. The issuance of Press Release No. 1859 dated 14 August 1990 by the Post Master General temporarily suspending all mail services to Iraq and Kuwait.
4. The publication in the Government Gazette of Legal Notices 125 and 126 of August 1990 concerning the importation and exportation of goods from and to Iraq and Kuwait after the 6th of August 1990.
5. Directives issued on 8th August 1990 by the Central Bank of Malta to Commercial Banks in Malta concerning financial transactions involving Iraq and Kuwait.
6. A circular letter to Shipping Companies in Malta dated 16th August 1990 issued by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen to owners of Maltese registered vessels over 500 G.R.T.

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I should be grateful if you would kindly forward the information provided in this communication to the Committee established by the Security Council to monitor the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990).

(Signed) Dr. Alexander BORG OLIVIER  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Press Release No. 1817 issued by the Department of  
Information - Malta, 8 August 1990

MALTA ADOPTS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has forwarded to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta resolution No. 661 adopted by the Security Council on 6th August 1990, regarding the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. This resolution was adopted without any vote against, thirteen votes in favour and two abstentions.

The Security Council, after noting that Iraq did not observe the Council's previous resolution No. 660 of 2nd August, whereby Iraq was called to withdraw from Kuwait, and this to enable Kuwait to regain its independence, decided to impose economic sanctions on Iraq with the aim of putting an end to its continued occupation of Kuwait as well as to restore the authority in Kuwait to its legitimate Government.

The decision of the Security Council was taken in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. According to the Charter, Member States of the United Nations are called upon to apply and execute these sanctions.

The Government of Malta believes that the United Nations Members are so organized so that they could together safeguard international peace and security and wherever appropriate to take concerted action when peace was threatened and to stop acts of aggression from being perpetrated by one country against another.

Malta, as a small country, looks upon the United Nations as the Organization with the principal responsibility of safeguarding the independence of Member States. Every country, whether big or small, has the right to its independence and territorial integrity.

Although these sanctions might impose sacrifices also upon those countries which apply them, the Government - while doing its best to face this situation - with a full sense of responsibility towards the independence of States and so as to ensure that in the world the might of right will prevail upon the right of might, has decided, as it is in duty bound, to implement resolution No. 661 of the Security Council of the United Nations.