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I have the honour, in response to your letter SCPC/7/90(1) dated 8 August 1990, to refer to a statement by the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs on 3 August 1990, which reads as follows:

"The South African Government has noted with grave concern the events that have taken place in Kuwait in the last 24 hours. The Government condemns the invasion by Iraqi forces of Kuwait.

These events are all the more regrettable in the face of the efforts made by a number of parties in the region to settle the new spirit of conciliation now prevailing throughout the world, and based on South Africa's own successful experience in resolving disputes through negotiation, the South African Government calls on Iraq to cease all military actions, and to withdraw its troops from Kuwait immediately. Under no circumstances will the South African Government consider recognition of the so-called Provisional Government installed by force in Kuwait."

In addition I am instructed to inform you that the South African Government abides by the decisions of the Security Council in respect of this item.

(Signed) Jeremy B. SHEARAR
Ambassador
Permanent Representative