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LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to write to you regarding the situation in the Middle East in the wake of the invasion of Kuwaiti territory by armed Iraqi forces.

In a note dated 14 August 1990, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. Mario Carías Zapata, conveyed to you the willingness of the Government of Honduras to collaborate with the international peace-keeping force that the Security Council may decide to establish in order to end this situation. On instructions from my Government, I should like at this time to request that that communication be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roberto FLORES BERMUDEZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 14 August 1990 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Honduras addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you regarding the current crisis in the Middle East.

The Government of Honduras views the occupation of Kuwaiti territory by armed Iraqi forces with deep concern. This act constitutes a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of international law and the specific norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

My Government believes that actions of this type must be strongly penalized by the international community, not only because of the unfortunate precedent they would set if left unpunished but also because of the threat they pose to the stability and survival of the United Nations system.

We are aware of the differences that exist between individual States in so far as military strength, economic capacity and strategic situation are concerned. Nevertheless, we believe that when the circumstances so warrant, we are all obliged to co-operate, according to our capabilities, in defending the principles and purposes which underlie our Organization.

In this connection, I am happy to state, Sir, that the Government of Honduras is fully prepared to participate, even in a modest way, in any international peace-keeping force which the United Nations Security Council might decide to establish in order to solve the Middle East crisis.

In offering my sincere hope that the difficult situation created by Iraq will not disturb peace in the region through general armed hostilities, I take this occasion to convey to you the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Mario CARIAS ZAPATA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

