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GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

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BETWEEN STATES

SECURITY COUNCIL

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Letter dated 19 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of  
Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the declaration on the crisis in the Gulf, issued by the Twelve States members of the European Community on 17 September 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 71, 142 and 144 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vieri TRAXLER  
Ambassador

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## ANNEX

Declaration on the crisis in the Gulf, issued by the Twelve  
States members of the European Community

The European Community and its member States reiterate their utter **condemnation** of the policy of brutal aggression **of** the Iraqi Government, the increasing persecution of the citizens of Kuwait, as well as **of** the foreign nationals in **that country** and in Iraq, the **taking** of hostages and the unacceptable violation **of** diplomatic premises in Kuwait. They welcome the unanimous adoption **by** the Security Council of resolution 667 (1990), condemning Iraq for its **actions**, which constitute a flagrant violation of international law, and **confronting** this country with its responsibilities.

The Community **and** its member States already stated **clearly** that they consider all acts perpetrated against one or **more** among them as committed against all. In response to **new** very grave illegal acts against their embassies in Kuwait, and taking into account the measures already taken by some **member** States, they have decided **of** one accord to expel the military personnel attached to the Iraqi embassies and to **limit** the freedom **of** movement **of** the other members **of** their staff.

In the same spirit of solidarity, they agreed **that** their embassies in Kuwait will take **charge** collectively **of** the responsibilities, in particular those concerning the protection of nationals, **of** those embassies of which the personnel is **forced** to leave Kuwait as the consequence **of** illegal actions of the Iraqi authorities. Since the withdrawal **of** personnel has only been brought about by the material impossibility **of** staying **on**, the embassies are considered to remain open,

The Community and its **member** States consider indispensable that the embargo decided upon **by** the United Nations leads the Government at present in place **in** Baghdad to **realize** the suicidal character **of** its behaviour towards the international community. To this end, they reaffirm their commitment to put into operation, for their part, all necessary measures in order to enforce the embargo in all its forms and to consult with each other actively in order to facilitate the introduction **of** measures to monitor the embargo and to reinforce the sanctions against Iraq within the competent institutions.

In this **perspective**, they renew their urgent appeal to all States to apply strictly, and make their nationals apply strictly, the resolutions of the Security Council. To this end, they agreed to make diplomatic **démarches vis-à-vis** those countries suspected of not respecting the embargo, in order to make them join the international action decided upon **by** the United Nations, and to envisage, if needed, the introduction **of** appropriate measures - economic and others - in conformity with the United Nations Security Council resolutions against States not respecting the embargo.

In line with their decisions taken at the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of 7 September in Rome and in the spirit of **Article** 50 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Community and its **member** States reaffirm their commitment to provide

substantial short-term economic assistance to the countries most seriously affected by the strict implementation of the embargo, notably, Egypt, Jordan and Turkey.

**The** Community is determined to assist these countries in the sacrifices imposed on them by the present international crisis. The Community welcomes the substantial national contributions already announced by some member States and **notes** the intention **of other** member States to **announce their** contributions shortly. The economic assistance proposals submitted by the Commission (1.5 billion ECUS) will be examined as a matter of urgency. In this connection, the Commission will provide an updated assessment **of** the needs of the countries concerned, the contributions already announced by other countries and international institutions, as well as the national contributions of member States. The Council will adopt its final decision before the end **of** September.

At the same **time**, the Community and its 8 member States commit themselves to **examine - in concertation** with other countries and international institutions - the possibility of economic assistance in favour of other countries also affected **by** the Gulf **crisis**.