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### Identical letters dated 3 April 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and in accordance with the rules of international law and the relevant international norms, I wish to inform you that the competent Iraqi authorities have provided us with information to the effect that the Kuwaiti side has set up an oil drilling platform bearing the name *Oriental Phoenix* at coordinates E 48°50'07", N 29°24'15" in Khawr al-Khafgah, which is located within the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Iraq under the terms of article 57 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The installation of this drilling platform in that area violates articles 55, 56 and 60 of the above-mentioned Convention. The Government of the Republic of Iraq rejects this action and requests the brotherly Kuwaiti side to remove the platform in question as soon as possible, given that the area is still subject to bilateral demarcation negotiations between the two countries. This action is contrary to the principle of good faith in negotiations on the demarcation of maritime boundaries beyond marker 162 and the status of the seabed in that area, with respect to which Iraq possesses sovereign rights for exploitation and exploration of natural resources.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq calls on the brotherly Kuwaiti side to desist from any new unilateral material actions in that area, because such actions are incompatible with the negotiations on the demarcation of maritime boundaries.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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