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GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN
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BETWEEN STATES**SECURITY COUNCIL**

Forty-fifth year

Letter dated 2 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission 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 statement by the Twelve States members of the European Community on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait (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.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Twelve States members of the European Community
on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

The Community and its member States have followed with apprehension during the last weeks the increase in tension in the dispute between Iraq and some Arab countries. They have welcomed the diplomatic efforts that the Arab countries and the Arab League itself were deploying and refrained from any stance and initiative in order to preserve such initiatives from any interference.

Following the breakdown of talks held at Jeddah under Arab auspices, the Community and its member States are now gravely concerned at the latest development in the dispute and, in particular, at the military aggression carried out by Iraq against Kuwait, which is not only a hostile action to a neighbour country, but also a dangerous threat to peace and stability in the region.

The Community and its member States strongly condemn the use of force by a member State of the United Nations against the territorial integrity of another State; this constitutes a breach of the Charter of the United Nations, and an unacceptable means to solve international differences. They therefore fully support the resolution adopted today by the Security Council.

The Community and its member States call upon all Governments to condemn this unjustified use of force and to work for an early re-establishment of the conditions for the immediate resumption of peaceful negotiations. In this light, they ask for an immediate withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait territory.

The Community and its member States will keep the matter under review and are ready to consider further initiatives.
