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GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES  
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BETWEEN STATES

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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 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.

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