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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith **the text** of a **statement by a spokesman** of the Revolution Command Council of **the** Republic of Iraq concerning the withdrawal of **Iraqi forces from Kuwait** on Sunday, 5 August 1990.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its **annex** circulated as a document **of** the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

A spokesman for the Revolution Command Council (RCC) has stated as follows;

The statement previously issued by the RCC was unequivocal in setting forth the reasons and circumstances that prompted Iraq to come to the rescue of the Provisional Free Government of Kuwait, Our forces performed their honourable national and pan-Arab duties of assisting our people in Kuwait and maintaining security and stability with a very high degree of loyalty and discipline that was witnessed by all circles, including the most hostile. On the basis of the statement of the RCC yesterday concerning the mission of our valiant forces and in accordance with an understanding with the Provisional Free Government of Kuwait, a plan has been drawn up for a start to be made to the withdrawal of those forces, in accordance with a timetable, with effect from the day after tomorrow, Sunday, 5 August, as long as there emerges no threat to the security of Kuwait or of Iraq.

We declare and we affirm to our people and our glorious Arab nation that in doing this we do not intend to conform with the empty clamour that has issued from here or there on the part of tendentious parties to which we accord no appreciable weight. We are only adhering to our principles and acting in a manner consistent with ourselves and with the duty performed by our valiant forces, in accordance with the RCC statement of yesterday.

Any party, great or small or of whatever complexion, that allows itself to be seduced into interfering with Kuwait or Iraq is warned that it will be met with a decisive stance and handled with the greatest severity.

It must be stressed that there can be no return to a bygone era after the sun of pride and dignity had risen in Kuwait, and the present and future relationship between Kuwait and Iraq will be determined by the people of Kuwait and the people of Iraq alone.

