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LETTER DATED 19 AUGUST 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 18 August 1990 **addressed** to you by my country's Minister for Foreign Affairs, I wish to provide you with the following information which is available to us concerning the Iraqi oil tanker Baba Karkar.

At 2030 hours on 17 August 1990, in the vicinity of Bahrain, a United States vessel harassed the tanker Baba Karkar and requested it to halt **for** inspection and alter course, adding that, if the tanker failed to do **so**, it would open fire. This is in fact what happened, as the United States vessel fired three projectiles towards the tanker, all of which fell into the sea.

The Iraqi Government reiterates its appeal to the international community to **register** a **strong** protest against the autocratic and unlawful acts of piracy and aggression **carried** out by the United States of America against Iraq. It also calls **for** the adoption of appropriate measures to prevent the United States from perpetrating such acts in this disgraceful manner.

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

(**Signed**) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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