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Letter dated 12 August 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 situation in the Gulf issued by the Twelve States members **of** the European Community at the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting held **at** Brussels on 10 August 1990.

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 Iraq's invasion of Kuwait issued on
10 August 1990 by the Twelve States members of the
European Community at the Extraordinary Ministerial
Meeting held at Brussels

The invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces has already provoked **an** unreserved condemnation **by** the Community and its member States, which have not only called **for** the immediate and unconditional withdrawal **of** Iraqi **forces** from the territory of **Kuwait**, but also clearly **stated** the unacceptability **of** the situation created **by** Iraqi military aggression against Kuwait.

Accordingly they reject the announced annexation of Kuwait which **is** contrary to international law and therefore null and void, as stated in UN Security Council Resolution 662. **The same** applies to the announced removal **of** diplomatic missions from Kuwait and to any attempt by the Iraqi authorities to exert **powers of** government within the territory **of** Kuwait.

They have noted with appreciation the wide international solidarity which developed following the aggression **and** led to effective action by the UN Security Council. They welcome the **role played** by **the** United Nations and they will strive to maintain and further enhance such international solidarity.

The Community and its member States immediately after the **Iraqi invasion adopted a set of** measures against Iraq and subsequently **have** swiftly introduced Legislation to implement **UN** Security Council Resolution 661, which they consider a fundamental instrument to restore international legality.

The Community and its member States have already expressed **their grave** concern for the situation **of** foreigners in Iraq and Kuwait. No **effort** or initiative will **be spared** to **ensure** that EC citizens be allowed full and unconditional freedom of movement within and out **of** those countries. Precise requests to this end have already been addressed to the Iraqi authorities, whom they hold fully accountable for the safety **of** their citizens. The Presidency will continue to ensure the appropriate coordination aimed **at** guaranteeing the **safety** of EC citizens in **Iraq** and Kuwait.

The Community and its member **States having** also in mind the vital European interests **in the stability,** territorial integrity and sovereignty **of** the States of the area, are **ready to take** further initiatives, in the framework of the **United Nations Charter,** that will prove necessary to contain the conflict. They note that certain member States have already taken useful steps also to this end. They **are** strongly determined to engage in **broad efforts** to afford the necessary international solidarity with other States in the area threatened by the same aggressor in their efforts to comply with **UN Security Council Resolution 661,** and to force Iraq to restore **Kuwait** sovereignty in compliance with UN Security Council Resolution 662.

They have decided to maintain **close** contact with **Arab** governments and to **offer** their **assistance** to **Arab** efforts **aimed at** defusing tensions and **restoring** international legality, **within** the framework of **UN Security Council Resolutions 660, 661 and 662.** They hope that the Summit of **Arab Heads of State and Government convened today in Cairo** may **take** concrete measures to this end. **The** Presidency will discuss with the Arab side the possibility **of cooperation** aimed at achieving **this** common purpose.
