

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 3 April 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 689 (1991) and in the light of your report of 31 March 2003 (S/2003/393), the members of the Security Council have reviewed the question whether to terminate or continue the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) and its operational modalities. In so doing, they have noted that UNIKOM is currently unable to fulfil its mandate as a result of the situation on the ground.

The members of the Council concur with your recommendation that a peacekeeping presence be retained at an appropriate level for a further three months, until 6 July 2003, subject to any further decisions the Council may take regarding the UNIKOM mandate.

(Signed) Adolfo Aguilar Zinser
President of the Security Council
