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To Her Excellency Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

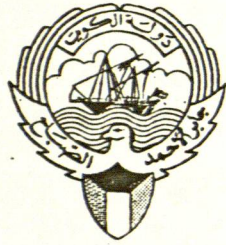
Your Excellency,

It is doubtless that your excellency share with us the realization of the continued and devastating tragedy caused by the continuation of the bleeding armed conflict between Iran and Iraq for these two neighbouring countries and their peoples. The serious menace and harm created by the breakout and continuation of this conflict, not only for the states of this vital area of the world, but also for the maintenance of international peace and security, are too evident to be elaborated.

While joining the whole world in its deep regret for the lack of success of any of the several efforts made so far by various states and international bodies to put an end to this dangerous conflict and find a just solution to all pending questions between the two combating countries, we believe that the international community, represented by the U.N., should not cease for a single moment its efforts to terminate this tragedy which is daily causing great numbers of victims from both peoples. Indeed if the U.N. failed in this domain, it would thus fail to fulfil the essence of its existence and the justification for its continuation, namely the preservation of peace and the promulgation of mutual understanding and cooperation amongst brothers in humanity.

To be more specific, we in Kuwait do not believe that the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, have exhausted all available ways and means in their attempt to find an appropriate solution to stop this destructive war. The efforts made by the U.N. including the Security Council resolutions and the Secretary

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General's mediation efforts are highly appreciated. But speaking with frankness made imperative by our deep feelings of, and immediate proximity to, this problem, nevertheless, we believe that these efforts are not sufficient and there is more to be done by the Security Council which bears special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security as stipulated by the charter.

Accordingly, your excellency, we call upon the Security Council to intensify its efforts and to commence without any delay its direct and continuous tackling of this conflict with the aim of reaching ^{an} ~~the~~ adequate formula to end it. In this endeavour the Security Council should spare none of the practical measures that are within the mandate vested in it by the charter. In this respect we refer to the special responsibilities shouldered by the permanent members of the Security Council. In our opinion the situation in this area no longer requires further resolutions that are merely content with appeals and the display of good will. It is high time to move into what is more positive and effective. Only this we believe would preserve for the U.N. its dignity and justifies the confidence in its viability by all peoples.

Finally, your excellency, we are certain that the entire world will share with Kuwait the due expression of appreciation for the special attention given by the permanent members of the Security Council and for the urgent measures they undertake towards this matter.

Please accept, your excellency, our most sincere wishes coupled with our highest esteem and consideration.

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