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Subject on Saudi Arabia : visit of  
Saudi Ambassador  
cc Mr. Opre

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP,  
The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

I present to you my greetings and sincere compliments and it gives me great pleasure to address this letter to you in view of the belief and eagerness of all of us to co-operate in preserving world security and peace as an undivided whole, which cannot be separated into individual areas. This mutual concept dictates that stability in the Gulf area is the concern of the international community as much as it is the concern of the states of that region, where their common interests converge. It is our belief that such interests cannot conceivably continue and develop while security and stability are not being enjoyed in our area.

We are, Your Excellency, together with the other leaders of the Council for Co-operation of the Arab Gulf States, watching with grave anxiety the present developments in our area caused by the continuation of the war between Iraq and Iran which is increasingly worsening the state of

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peace and security in this area and which requires an all out international effort to put an end to this war which has already lasted nearly three years without any indication of any imminent solution, but becoming rather more ferocious day by day. It is now not only endangering the states of the area, but in fact posing a direct threat to world peace which is violating the principles of the United Nations Organisation and its charter.

Since the outbreak of that war, we have made unceasing efforts together with the other leaders of the Council for Gulf Co-operation in supporting the good offices carried out by the Islamic Conference Organisation, the non-aligned states movement and the United Nations as well as bilateral contacts made by friendly nations in their search for a way out leading to the ending of this war. However, all these efforts have failed up till now to produce a result which would enable the two parties concerned to cease fire and to start negotiations for a settlement of the conflict by peaceful means. This necessitates making united efforts and resorting to more effective means than

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have been applied previously. Undoubtedly, you share with us our appreciation of the gravity of the implications which might possibly lead to the extension of the area of conflict. Since the outcome of the prevailing situation cannot be predicted, we are confident that Your Excellency shares our view that the dangers of this situation now necessitate more than ever before that member states of the Security Council should carry out their special responsibility specified by the charter to preserve international peace and security, to put an end to this ruinous war and to ensure the execution of previous resolutions adopted by the Security Council which asked both parties to cease fire and to enter into peaceful negotiations aimed at arriving at a satisfactory solution which would secure the interests of both parties within a framework of international guarantees.

The said resolutions adopted by the Security Council were never implemented because they lacked any means of pressure upon the two belligerent states. Therefore, you may consider that the present developments require that the next Security Council resolution to be expected on this issue should contain some weight which would induce the

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two warring parties to end hostilities such as a stipulation in that resolution to impose - or at least a threat to impose - sanctions against the party which does not respond to the cease fire call and does not observe the terms of other resolutions.

In this connection, we are confident that the efforts made by your country under your wise leadership will have great significance in expediting the end of this catastrophic war, because of our conviction that you share our view that the continuation of the war and the extension of its threat would result in great damage not only to the states of the area but also, going beyond that, would affect the interests of your own country.

We greatly appreciate the important role now being played by your country as a permanent member of the Security Council and the international weight and prestige carried by your country which impose on you grave responsibilities towards world peace. Therefore, we are confident that your sincere efforts would find their way towards success in achieving that peace.

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We look forward to hearing in the near future from Your Excellency the results of such efforts, and trust that our good relations will continue to progress and prosper.

(Signed)

Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz  
King of Saudi Arabia.

12th April, 1983.

