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IRAQ/KUWAIT: JOINT STATEMENT BY JAPAN AND USSR

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED IN TOKYO ON 5 SEPTEMBER AFTER TALKS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTERS:-

MR TARO NAKAYAMA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF JAPAN, AND MR EDUARD AMVROSIEVICH SHEVARDNADZE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, EXPRESS THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE IRAQI INVASION OF KUWAIT, WHICH IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.

BOTH MINISTERS SHARE THE RECOGNITION THAT THE ABOVE- MENTIONED ACT AND THE ANNEXATION OF KUWAIT BY IRAQ ARE UNLAWFUL DEEDS CONTRAVENING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHED RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, NAMELY THAT ALL STATES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY STATE. THE TWO MINISTERS STRONGLY CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE IRAQI FORCES FROM KUWAIT AND THE SWIFT RESTORATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF KUWAIT.

TODAY, WHEN WAYS ARE BEING EXPLORED TO BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY IN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE TWO MINISTERS SHARE THE VIEW THAT MAKING COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND FULLY UTILIZING THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF THE U.N. FOR THE SOLUTION OF A REGIONAL CONFLICT LIKE THIS WILL PROVE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE FUTURE.

FROM THE ABOVE POINT OF VIEW, THE TWO MINISTERS, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

SECURITY COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN THE GULF REGION, CONSIDER THAT IT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR ALL THE STATES TO COOPERATE IN APPROPRIATE WAYS FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RESOLUTIONS.

THE TWO MINISTERS EXPRESS THEIR GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE FOREIGNERS DETAINED IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE OBLIGATION WHICH ARISES FROM INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE NORMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND STRONGLY CALL FOR THE RELATED RESOLUTIONS OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE IMPLEMENTED SO THAT IRAQ MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE FREELY FOR THEIR HOME COUNTRIES WITHOUT ANY DELAY. THEY STRONGLY REQUEST IRAQ TO REMOVE THE OBSTACLES WHICH PREVENT THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS IN KUWAIT FROM EXECUTING THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT WHICH VIOLATES THEIR STATUS AND RIGHT TO IMMUNITY.

THE TWO MINISTERS REQUEST IRAQ TO OBSERVE THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE ESTABLISHED RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE MEASURES SET FORTH IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

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