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MIPT: IRAQ/KUWAIT: FOODSTUFFS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT AGREED AD REFERENDUM BY AMBASSADORS OF THE THE FIVE TODAY AND FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER.

BEGINS:

THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS IN HUMANITARIAN CIRCUMSTANCES TO IRAQ AND KUWAIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3(C) OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 661 (1990). IT IS RECOGNISED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ARISE IN WHICH IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR FOODSTUFFS TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN IRAQ OR KUWAIT IN ORDER TO RELIEVE HUMAN SUFFERING AND IN THIS RESPECT THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM SEVERAL MEMBER STATES. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT RESOLUTION 661 (1990) MUST BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED BUT WITHOUT CREATING CONDITIONS OF STARVATION FOR ANYONE IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT HUMANITARIAN CIRCUMSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 661 (1990) HAVE ARISEN, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR MORE FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION REGARDING FOODSTUFFS IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ASK THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SEEK FROM RELEVANT HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES AND UN SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND OTHER SOURCES INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE RAPIDLY.

IT IS THE HOPE OF THE COMMITTEE THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO IDENTIFYING SUCH CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT SUFFER SPECIALLY, SUCH CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT SUFFER SPECIALLY, SUCH AS YOUNGER CHILDREN AND THIRD STATE NATIONALS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH ITS

OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 664 (1990) IN RESPECT OF THIRD STATE NATIONALS AND REAFFIRMS THAT IRAQ RETAINS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR WELFARE AND SAFETY UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW.

IF THE COMMITTEE, AFTER RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION, CONSIDERS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE ARISEN IN WHICH THERE IS AN URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEED TO SUPPLY FOODSTUFFS TO IRAQ OR KUWAIT IN ORDER TO RELIEVE HUMAN SUFFERING, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNGER CHILDREN, IT WILL PROMPTLY MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS TO HOW SUCH NEED SHOULD BE MET.

IN FORMULATING SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMITTEE WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT FOODSTUFFS SHOULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES AND SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BY THEM OR UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THESE FOODSTUFFS REACH THE INTENDED BENEFICIARIES.

THE COMMITTEE RECALLS THAT SUPPLIES INTENDED STRICTLY FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE EMBARGO.

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