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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Your Highness

Thank you for your letter of 19 October. I read with great interest and admiration the conclusions of the Kuwait People's Conference, the success of which I congratulate Your Highness and the Kuwaiti people. For our part, we remain fully committed to achieving the objectives reaffirmed at the Conference, namely the unconditional and complete withdrawal of Iraq's forces from Kuwait, and the restoration of her legitimate government.

I share your outrage at the reports of the behaviour of the Iraqi occupying forces and send my deep sympathy to the families of victims of Saddam Hussain's inhuman actions. Those responsible for the devastation of Kuwait and her way of life must be made to pay, and the recent Security Council Resolution provides for this.

The tyranny and ruthlessness of the Iraqi regime is in sharp contrast to the commitment of the legitimate Government of Kuwait to the principles of consultation, democracy and popular participation under the 1962 Constitution which is confirmed in the declaration of the Kuwaiti People's National Conference.

We must maintain the unprecedented degree of international solidarity against Saddam Hussain, and to convince him of the determination of the world community that he withdraw from Kuwait. As part of that effort public opinion must be focussed on the plight of the Kuwaiti people, the wanton destruction of Kuwait itself, and the urgent need to reverse Saddam Hussain's

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brutal aggression. We shall be happy to do everything we can to support Kuwaiti efforts to ensure that international opinion does not lose sight of these issues.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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