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MIPT: IRAQ/KUWAIT: EPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, LUXEMBOURG 4 JANUARY:
GULF CRISIS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENCY STATEMENT APPROVED BY TWELVE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AND RELEASED TODAY:

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMUNITY AND ITS
MEMBER STATES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, MINISTERS REITERATE
THEIR FIRM COMMITMENT IN FAVOUR OF THE FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY
COUNCIL. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THE TWELVE CONSIDER THAT IRAQ SHOULD
RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO A MILITARY INTERVENTION.
THEY CONSEQUENTLY RECALL THAT THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR OR
PEACE RESTS WITH THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ALONE, AS IS SPELLED OUT IN
RESOLUTION 678 OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

ANY INITIATIVE TENDING TO PROMOTE PARTIAL SOLUTIONS, OR TO ESTABLISH
A LINK BETWEEN THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER PROBLEMS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

REAFFIRMING THEIR ATTACHMENT TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THE FULL
RESPECT OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE
COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WELCOME THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON A
MEETING BETWEEN THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, MR JAMES BAKER, AND
THE IRAQI MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR TARIQ AZIZ.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL
IN ROME ON 15 DECEMBER 1990, MINISTERS HAVE ASKED THE PRESIDENCY TO
INVITE THE IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER TO A MEETING WITH THE TROIKA IN
LUXEMBOURG ON JANUARY 10TH. THE PRESIDENCY WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE
CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE ARAB COUNTRIES CONCERNED

AND THE PRESIDENCY OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED, TO PREPARE THE TWO MEETINGS.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FOREGOING, AND AS SOON AS THE PRESENT CRISIS WILL HAVE BEEN SETTLED PEACEFULLY AND IN FULL RESPECT OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS OF THE REGION AND ESTABLISH A SITUATION OF SECURITY, STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT THERE.
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