Resolution 664 (1990)
of 18 August 1990

The Security Council,


Deeply concerned about the safety and well-being of third-State nationals in Iraq and Kuwait,

Recalling the obligations of Iraq in this regard under international law,

Welcoming the efforts of the Secretary-General to pursue urgent consultations with the Government of Iraq following the concern and anxiety expressed by the members of the Council on 17 August 1990,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Demands that Iraq permit and facilitate the immediate departure from Kuwait of third-State nationals and grant immediate and continuing access of consular officials to such nationals;
2. Also demands that Iraq take no action to jeopardize the safety, security or health of such nationals;
3. Reaffirms its decision in resolution 662 (1990) that annexation of Kuwait by Iraq is null and void, and therefore demands that the Government of Iraq rescind its orders for the closure of diplomatic and consular missions in Kuwait and the withdrawal of the immunity of their personnel, and refrain from any such actions in the future;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on compliance with the present resolution at the earliest possible time.

Adopted unanimously at the 2937th meeting.

Decision

At its 2938th meeting, on 25 August 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled:

"The situation between Iraq and Kuwait:

"Letter dated 2 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21423)."104

"Letter dated 2 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21424)."104

"Letter dated 8 August 1990 from the Permanent Representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21470)."104

"Letter dated 18 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21561)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21634)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21635)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21636)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21637)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21638)."104

"Letter dated 24 August 1990 from the Permanent Representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21639)."104

Resolution 665 (1990)
of 25 August 1990

The Security Council,


Having decided in resolution 661 (1990) to impose economic sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Determined to bring to an end the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq which imperils the existence of a Member State, and to restore the legitimate authority and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Kuwait, which requires the speedy implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

Deploring the loss of innocent lives stemming from the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and determined to prevent further such losses,

Gravely alarmed that Iraq continues to refuse to comply with resolutions 660 (1990), 661 (1990), 662 (1990) and 664 (1990) and in particular at the conduct of the Government of Iraq in using Iraqi flag vessels to export oil,

1. Calls upon those Member States co-operating with the Government of Kuwait which are deploying maritime forces to the area to use such measures commensurate to
the specific circumstances as may be necessary under the
authority of the Security Council to halt all inward and
outward maritime shipping, in order to inspect and verify
their cargoes and destinations and to ensure strict imple-
mentation of the provisions related to such shipping laid
down in resolution 661 (1990);

2. **Invites** Member States accordingly to co-operate as
may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions
of resolution 661 (1990) with maximum use of political
and diplomatic measures, in accordance with paragraph 1
above;

3. **Requests** all States to provide, in accordance with
the Charter of the United Nations, such assistance as may
be required by the States referred to in paragraph 1 above;

4. **Also requests** the States concerned to co-ordinate
their actions in pursuit of the above paragraphs of the
present resolution using, as appropriate, mechanisms of
the Military Staff Committee and, after consultation with
the Secretary-General, to submit reports to the Security
Council and the Security Council Committee established
by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between
Iraq and Kuwait, in order to facilitate the monitoring of
the implementation of the present resolution;

5. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

*Adopted at the 2938th meeting by
13 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (Cuba and Yemen).*

**Decision**

At its 2939th meeting, on 13 September 1990, the Coun-
cil decided to invite the representative of Kuwait to par-
ticipate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled
"The situation between Iraq and Kuwait".

**Resolution 666 (1990)**

**of 13 September 1990**

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 661 (1990) of 6 August 1990,
paragraphs 3 (c) and 4 of which apply, except in humani-
tarian circumstances, to foodstuffs,

Recognizing 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,

Noting that in this respect the Security Council Commit-
tee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the
situation between Iraq and Kuwait has received communi-
cations from several Member States,

Emphasizing that it is for the Security Council, alone or
acting through the Committee, to determine whether hu-
manitarian circumstances have arisen,

Deeply concerned that Iraq has failed to comply with its
obligations under Security Council resolution 664 (1990)
of 18 August 1990 in respect of the safety and well-being of
third-State nationals, and reaffirming that Iraq retains
full responsibility in this regard under international hu-
manitarian law including, where applicable, the Geneva

Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons
in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United
Nations,

1. **Decides** that in order to make the necessary deter-
mination whether or not, for the purposes of paragraphs 3
(c) and 4 of resolution 661 (1990), humanitarian circum-
stances have arisen, the Security Council Committee es-
blished by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation
between Iraq and Kuwait shall keep the situation regarding
foodstuffs in Iraq and Kuwait under constant review;

2. **Expects** Iraq to comply with its obligations under
resolution 664 (1990) in respect of third-State nationals
and reaffirms that Iraq remains fully responsible for their
safety and well-being in accordance with international
humanitarian law including, where applicable, the Geneva
Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons
in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;

3. **Requests**, for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2
above, that the Secretary-General seek urgently, and on a
continuing basis, information from relevant United Na-
tions and other appropriate humanitarian agencies and all
other sources on the availability of food in Iraq and Ku-
wait, such information to be communicated by the Secre-
tary-General to the Committee regularly;

4. **Also requests** that in seeking and supplying such
information particular attention be paid to such categories
of persons who might suffer specially, such as children
under 15 years of age, expectant mothers, maternity cases,
the sick and the elderly;

5. **Decides** that if the Committee, after receiving the
reports from the Secretary-General, determines that cir-
cumstances have arisen in which there is an urgent humani-
tarian need to supply foodstuffs to Iraq or Kuwait in order
to relieve human suffering, it will report promptly to the
Council its decision as to how such need should be met;

6. **Directs** the Committee that in formulating its deci-
sions it should bear in mind that foodstuffs should be
provided through the United Nations in co-operation with
the International Committee of the Red Cross or other
appropriate humanitarian agencies and distributed by them
or under their supervision, in order to ensure that they
reach the intended beneficiaries;

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to use his good of-
ices to facilitate the delivery and distribution of foodstuffs
to Kuwait and Iraq in accordance with the provisions of
the present resolution and other relevant resolutions;

8. **Recalls** that resolution 661 (1990) does not apply to
supplies intended strictly for medical purposes, but in this
connection recommends that medical supplies should be
exported under the strict supervision of the Government of
the exporting State or by appropriate humanitarian agen-
cies.

*Adopted at the 2939th meeting by
13 votes to 2 (Cuba and Yemen).*

**Decision**

At its 2940th meeting, on 16 September 1990, the Coun-
cil decided to invite the representatives of Iraq, Italy and

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