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Letter dated 8 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative
of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the press release issued by the Ministerial Council of the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (Gulf Co-operation Council) at its thirty-first session, held at Jiddah on 6 and 7 June 1989.

I should be most grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under items 23, 37, 39, 48 and 78 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Karim Ebrahim AL-SHAKAR
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release of the GCC Ministerial Council at its thirty-first session, held at Jiddah

The Ministerial Council held its thirty-first session at Jiddah on 3 and 4 Dhu'lqa'dah A.H. 1409, corresponding to 6 and 7 June 1989, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al Khalifah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Bahrain and President of the current session of the Ministerial Council, and with all members in attendance.

His Excellency Mr. Rashid bin Abdullah Nuaimi	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates
His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal	Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
His Excellency Sayyid Badr bin Saud bin Hareb	Minister of the Interior, Sultanate of Oman
His Excellency Sheikh Ahmad bin Saif Al Thani	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar
His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kuwait

The Council reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Supreme Council at its ninth session, held at Bahrain.

The Council further reviewed regional, inter-Arab and international developments and heard a report from the President of its current session, His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al Khalifah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Bahrain, on the contacts established by him on behalf of the Council in the light of the positions it had adopted on the stages reached in negotiations and contacts for the implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

Proceeding from its commitment to the policy formulated by Their Majesties and Their Excellencies, the Council affirmed its support for the endeavours made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and its endorsement of his efforts for the achievement of a durable and comprehensive peace that would ensure stability in the region. It further affirmed that the Council's policy would be pursued through continued contacts with the parties concerned and the States permanent members of the Security Council with a view to contributing to the achievement of progress in the ongoing negotiations between Iraq and Iran.

In keeping with the resolution adopted by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Casablanca, the Council affirmed its belief that the cease-fire

must constitute a starting point for the achievement of a comprehensive, durable and just peace between Iraq and Iran and the establishment of security and peace in the region.

With further reference to the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Casablanca in the fraternal Kingdom of Morocco, the Council welcomed its resolution addressing the situation in Lebanon in a spirit of collective Arab responsibility and its decision to form a committee consisting of His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco, the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and His Excellency Mr. Chadi Bendjedid, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and to accord them full and complete powers in achieving the goals established by the Conference for the resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

The Council expressed its approval of this auspicious step and stressed the importance of the initiative in assisting Lebanon to extricate itself from its plight, end its suffering, restore normality and achieve reconciliation. It supported the extension of the full sovereignty of the Lebanese State to all Lebanese territory so that the country might protect its security and stability with its own forces.

The Council calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate with the tripartite Supreme Committee with a view to reaching a desirable solution which will restore to Lebanon its stability and security and preserve its Arab character, its sovereignty and the integrity of its national territory.

The Council further reviewed developments with respect to the situation in the occupied Arab territories and the continuing popular uprising against the occupation and the oppressive practices engaged in by the Zionist enemy. The Council, in commending the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, affirms its commitment to the resolutions of the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Casablanca and expresses its hope that the work of the Supreme Committee under the chairmanship of His Majesty King Hassan II will be crowned with success in achieving its goals.

The Council discussed the items included in the agenda of its thirty-first session and examined and took note of the reports of the various ministerial committees.

The Council decided to hold its next meeting at Riyadh on 28 August 1989 in order to carry out a comprehensive evaluation of all matters to be submitted to the Supreme Council at its forthcoming session.

Issued at Jiddah
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