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Letter dated 2 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of  
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 2 August 1990 by the Chief Cabinet Minister of Japan on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of  
Japan to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 2 August 1990 by the Chief Cabinet Minister  
of Japan on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

The Government of Japan deeply regrets that, at dawn on 2 August local time, Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait territory.

The Government of Japan, watching the development of the situation with great concern, demands the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi forces. It strongly hopes that the issues between Iraq and Kuwait will be settled peacefully, through dialogue and without the use of armed forces.

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