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NEW YORK, N.Y., AUGUST 6, 1990 -- Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations and its Chief Representative in the United States, today issued the following statement:

The Arab cause has been hurt by the recent developments relating to the Iraqi-Kuwait dispute. The Arab League's efforts and resolution on this issue during the Council Emergency meeting in Cairo on August 2, 1990 were premised from the outset on the League's Charter and the Arab States' commitment to the U.N. Charter.

We are hopeful that the U.N. Security Council's resolution today will not hinder the Arab efforts in removing the circumstances that have prompted the Security Council to adopt its resolution.

It is crucial that the international concern be viewed as reinforcing the Arab efforts and not as intrusively interrupting them. This is essential to insure the stability and legitimacy in the region.

Furthermore, we would expect that today's resolution will be a guide for the U.N. Security Council's permanent members - especially the United States - to show, at least an equal determination to apply this precedent to the unacceptable 23 year-old Israeli military occupation of Palestinian territory and the Syrian Golan Heights as well as the 12 year Israeli occupation of South Lebanon.

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