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The attached letter from the Alternate Resident Representative of Iraq to the International Atomic Energy Agency dated 27 December 1993 and its annex are being circulated to Member States at his request.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Vienna

27 December 1993

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Foreign Minister's letter of 12 November 1991 on the use by the Coalition Forces of thousands of bombs made of depleted uranium against the Iraqi Forces. Documented information on this subject has also appeared in a number of foreign and Arab newspapers, such as the British weekly "The Independent on Sunday" in its issue dated 10 November 1991, the American daily "The New York Times" in its issue dated 21 January 1993, and the daily "Al Quds" published in London on 16 March 1993.

Quoting a responsible Kuwaiti source in the Ministry of Health, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) also reported on 30 November 1993 that nuclear radiation had been detected in Iraqi military equipment left behind by the Iraqi army near the Ali Al-Salem Air Base close to Kuwait and that, following confirmation of the presence of nuclear radiation in this equipment, the Ministry of Defence had asked the Radiation Protection Committee of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health to examine the equipment in question. The source further pointed out that it was likely that the radiation was being emitted by uranium metal or other radioisotopes originating from the aerial bombing of this equipment (MENA report enclosed).

I request you to circulate this news report to Member States as an Agency document.

Accept, Sir, etc.,

(signed)

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Alternate to the Resident Representative to
the International Atomic Energy Agency

His Excellency Dr. Hans Blix
Director General
IAEA, Vienna

According to a responsible Kuwaiti source in the Ministry of Health, nuclear radiation has been detected in Iraqi military equipment left behind by the Iraqi army near the Ali Al-Salem Air Base close to Kuwait.

The source adds that the Ministry of Defence has asked the Radiation Protection Committee of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health to examine the equipment in question, following confirmation of the presence of nuclear radiation in this equipment.

The source points out that it is likely that the radiation is being emitted by uranium metal or other radioisotopes originating from the aerial bombing of this equipment during the War of Liberation.

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