

9. SUMMARY OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON THE PERSIAN GULF

Resolution 660, 2 August 1990

Determined that Iraq's invasion of Kuwait constituted a breach of international peace and security, condemned the invasion, demanded an unconditional and immediate Iraqi withdrawal to the positions its forces occupied on 1 August and calls on Iraq and Kuwait to begin negotiations to resolve their differences.

Resolution 661, 6 August 1990

Noting the right of states to self-defence and the provisions of Chapter VII of the UN Charter which outline the Security Council's options for actions, it was determined that Iraq had failed to comply with Resolution 660. As a result, mandatory economic sanctions are imposed. States are prohibited from importing goods from Iraq or Kuwait and from exporting goods to the two countries. Medical supplies and foodstuffs for humanitarian purposes are excepted. A Committee to monitor progress and compliance with the sanctions is established.

Resolution 662, 9 August 1990

Demands an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal and declares the Iraqi annexation of Kuwait null and void, calling on all states to refrain from any recognition of the annexation.

Resolution 664, 18 August 1990

Demands the release of nationals of third countries from Iraq and Kuwait and that Iraq take no further action to jeopardize their safety.

Resolution 665, 25 August 1990

Calls on states cooperating with Kuwait, by deploying maritime forces to the area to monitor the sanctions, to use measures commensurate with the circumstances to halt all inward and outward maritime shipping in order to inspect and verify their cargoes.

Resolution 666, 13 September 1990

Requests the Secretary-General to seek information about the sources and availability of food in Kuwait and Iraq. If there are circumstances in which there is an urgent need to supply foodstuffs, the Secretary-General should inform the Council. The Secretary-General should also use his good offices to facilitate delivery and distribution of foodstuffs.

Resolution 667, 16 September 1990

Strongly condemns Iraqi acts against diplomatic premises and personnel in Kuwait and the abduction of foreign nationals from diplomatic premises and demands the immediate release of all foreign nationals.

Resolution 669, 24 September 1990

Entrusts the Committee established to monitor sanctions with the task of examining requests from states for assistance because of hardships experienced due to the sanctions.