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MR. CLARK ANNOUNCES MEASURES

PUTTING AIR EMBARGO INTO EFFECT AGAINST IRAQ

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that, upon his recommendation, the Governor General in Council had, on October 1, enacted amendments to the United Nations' Iraq Regulations, under the authority of Section 2 of the United Nations Act. These amendments were required as a result of Resolution 670 (1990), adopted by the United Nations Security Council on September 25, 1990. This is the ninth resolution to be passed in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and it calls on Member States to take steps to implement an embargo on the shipment of goods by aircraft to and from Iraq and Kuwait.

These amendments prohibit:

(a) operation of aircraft to transport goods of Iraqi or Kuwaiti origin, or goods destined for Iraq or Kuwait;

(b) operation of aircraft intended to land in Iraq or Kuwait; and

(c) entry into Canadian ports of vessels registered in Iraq which are used or have been used in violation of Resolution 661(1990) of August 6, 1990, and detention of any such vessels already in Canadian ports.

"This Resolution tightens the sanctions imposed against Iraq and sets out the means by which their effectiveness is to be assured", stated Mr. Clark at the September 25 meeting of the Security Council. The Minister added that "our diplomatic efforts to achieve an urgent and peaceful solution to this crisis will continue in the coming days. In carrying out

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these efforts, Canada will work closely with our colleagues on the Council and with the countries of the region."

Canada continues to condemn unequivocally the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. The Canadian Government is convinced that the Resolutions adopted by the Security Council indicate in clear terms the path which Iraq must follow if it wishes to resume its place as a member of the international community.

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