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ITEM[Adoption of the Agenda]

TXT[Adoption of the agenda

Communications under the "no-objection" procedure

Revised notification and authorization request form to export

goods to Iraq

Letters dated 14 and 31 January 1994 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia and the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, respectively, addressed to the Chairman (continued)

Letter dated 17 January 1994 from the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) addressed to the Chairman (continued)

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TXT[Note verbale dated 25 January 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen addressed to the Chairman (continued)

Notes verbales dated 10 and 18 February, 11 and 24 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the Chairman

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ITEM[Adoption of the Agenda]

TXT[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the Chairman

Letter dated 2 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman

The agenda was adopted.]

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ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]

TXT[Drew attention to a comprehensive list indicating the status of communications under the "no-objection" procedure covering the period 24 March-7 April 1994 which had been circulated to all members of the Committee.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[Her delegation was releasing its blocks on communications
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.17 (plastic handles for paring knives),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.34 (methanol), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.224 (glue),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.235 (tin plate sheets for vegetable ghee),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.237 and 238 (liquid chlorine),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.258 (thread for agricultural use),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.388 (paper), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.391 (wood),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.444 (heating elements complete with normal
thermostats), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.503 (printing ink),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.601 (greeting and invitation cards),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.612 (wood-free paper) and S/AC.25/1994/COMM.637
(refrigeration gas R-12 and R-22).]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[Her delegation was releasing its holds on communications
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.130 (aluminium seals for babies' feeding cups),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.132 (paper), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.135 (hand and
electric tools), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.138 and COMM.139 (spare parts
for agricultural diesel engines), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.140
(agricultural diesel engine sets with pumps),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.141 (centrifugal pumps for agricultural use),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.305 (paper), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.313
(stationery), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.412 (agricultural tools),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.416 (ammonia compressor), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.430
and COMM.431 (agricultural diesel engine sets with pumps),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.475 (spare parts for agricultural pumps),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.510 (paper for printing), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.546
(glystate), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.547 (benomyl), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.549
and COMM.555 (printing and photocopy paper);]

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ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[Her delegation was releasing its hold on communications
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.620 (betoran P60 WP herbicide),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.622 (paracetamol and talc) and
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.632 (bath soap). It was changing its block on
communications S/AC.25/1994/COMM.267 (PVC leather for
agricultural use), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.274 (fibreglass),
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.467 (glue), S/AC.25/1994/COMM.470 (binding
glue) and S/AC.25/1994/COMM.474 (razen PVC) to hold.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[His delegation was releasing its block on communication
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.164 (textured yarn for hospital sheets) and on
S/AC.25/1994/COMM.258 (thread for agricultural use) and releasing

its hold on S/AC.25/1994/COMM.95 (oxygen factory for hospitals). It was changing its hold on S/AC.25/1994/COMM.208 (liquefied petroleum gas cylinder valves) to block, as the additional information it had received had not altered its position.]

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ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[His delegation was changing its block to hold on communication S/AC.25/1994/COMM.149 (PVC pipes for agricultural use) in order to seek additional information and on S/AC.25/1994/COMM.619 (winding sheets), which it would discuss with the Chinese delegation with the aim of releasing the hold as well. It was also changing its block on S/AC.25/1994/COMM.627 (V-belts) to hold in order to seek additional information from the Permanent Mission of Turkey. His delegation was also removing its objections to certain items in communication S/AC.25/1994/COMM.1031, which was not included in the comprehensive list currently before the Committee, and placing a hold on other items.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Communications under the no-objection procedure]
TXT[Would request the Secretariat to process formal letters in connection with the items contained in the status list for distribution at the earliest possible date.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Revised notification and authorization request form to export goods to Iraq]
TXT[Informed Committee members that he had successfully completed consultations on a revised notification and authorization request form to be used in connection with the no-objection procedure. The revised form, in which the word "all" had been changed to "necessary" in the footnote, had been circulated to Committee members.]

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SPKR[Chen] MS[China] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Revised notification and authorization request form to export goods to Iraq]
TXT[While his delegation was in favour of revising the form in the interest of streamlining the Committee's procedures, it also believed that, to some extent, certain items on the original form were still applicable. It had expressed its views in that regard at the previous meeting. Confident in the legal consultations which had been taking place for some time and having been assured by the Chairman that certain items on the form were optional, his delegation had no objection to the revised form.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Revised notification and authorization request form to
export goods to Iraq]
TXT[Would circulate the revised request form to all Member States
for distribution to companies wishing to submit applications or
notifications to the Committee.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 14 and 31 January 1994 from the Deputy
Permanent Representative of Australia and the Permanent
Representative of the United Arab Emirates, respectively,
addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.525 and 923)]
TXT[Recalled that the subject of the use of the ports of Umm Qasr
and Basrah had been discussed at the 109th meeting. No headway
had been made in the consultations he had held since then, and he
urged those delegations still discussing the issue to make an
effort to narrow their differences.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 17 January 1994 from the Director-General of
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.734)]
TXT[Drew attention to a letter from the Director-General of FAO
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.734) containing a request, submitted on behalf
of the Government of Iraq, for the release of the cash balance
standing to the credit of Iraq in a unilateral trust fund account
held by FAO, to be used by the Government of Iraq to defray the
costs of maintaining the Iraqi permanent representation to FAO.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Letter dated 17 January 1994 from the Director-General of
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.734)]
TXT[His delegation continued to oppose the request on the grounds
that frozen assets for humanitarian purposes were to be released
only to the sub-account of the escrow account established for
that purpose. The release of frozen assets for the purpose of
maintaining Iraqi diplomatic activities was inconsistent with
United Nations sanctions resolutions, except where such assets
had been previously released in accounts designated solely for
the maintenance of legitimate diplomatic activities. He wished to
draw a distinction between the request before the Committee and
the case of Iraqi payments to the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), where the sums
were already on deposit and earmarked for a particular purpose
other than that indicated in the request under consideration.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 17 January 1994 from the Director-General of
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.734)]
TXT[Would advise the Director-General of FAO that the Committee
was not yet able to reach an agreement on the question.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the
Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]
TXT[Drew attention to two letters from the Permanent
Representative of Iraq (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and COMM.2151),
dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994, respectively, concerning
the release of frozen funds for special flights to Makkah during
the pilgrimage season in May 1994. The second letter effectively
established a linkage between the use of third-country aircraft
and the release of frozen funds for purposes of the pilgrimage.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the
Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]
TXT[In his capacity as Chairman, he had informed the Saudi
Arabian Ambassador to the United Nations that the Committee had
indicated to the Permanent Representative of Iraq that, in
principle, it was sympathetic to the possibility of foreign
airlines carrying pilgrims to Saudi Arabia provided that that was
acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia and that the
necessary inspections were conducted. He had further informed the
Saudi Arabian Ambassador that the Committee was considering a
request by the Government of Iraq concerning the utilization of
Iraqi aircraft for that purpose.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the
Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]
TXT[Had told the Iraqi Ambassador that, following preliminary
discussions, some Committee members were of the view that the
Committee was not legally competent to address the issue which
would require a Security Council resolution - but that the
Committee none the less wished to seek his comments on it. The
Ambassador had said that he would have to consult his Government,
but that he thought it would support the Committee's position on
the utilization of Iraqi aircraft. The question of utilizing
third-country aircraft raised an entirely new issue which his
Government had not considered previously. The Ambassador was
awaiting instructions from his Government.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the
Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]

TXT[His delegation felt that the Committee had no mandate to permit the use of Iraqi aircraft. The Security Council resolution prohibited Iraqi planes from flying. The Chairman had accurately summed up the Committee's view which had been consistently expressed over the past four years. The Committee had consistently taken the view that the Committee itself had no access to frozen money. However, if Iraq could identify a country with frozen assets that would be willing to release money, and if that country applied to the Committee, the Committee could approve the release of such funds for humanitarian purposes. In order to release such funds, it would be necessary to go through the sub-account, so that the entire amount would go to the Iraqi people.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]

TXT[Her delegation agreed that the use of Iraqi aircraft was not possible under the current resolutions. However, it would have no problem with the use of third party aircraft, although that would depend on finding a third party to conduct the flights and also on the agreement of the Saudi Arabian Government. She endorsed the views of the United States representative on the question of frozen assets. Iraq would have to identify a country or countries that would be willing to release such funds and those countries would have to apply to the Committee; the only way such funds could be used would be through the sub-escrow account. Her delegation would be prepared to give very favourable consideration to such requests.]

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SPKR[Raza] MS[Pakistan] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]

TXT[Could not find a specific mention barring the use of Iraqi aircraft anywhere in the relevant Security Council resolutions; he asked the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States of America to provide clarification. The representative of Saudi Arabia had said that his Government would be willing to go along with the Committee's decision on the use of Iraqi aircraft; however, since the Committee was deadlocked, it was unlikely that it would be possible for Iraqi aircraft to be used. With regard to the use of third-country aircraft, it seemed that the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia was still awaiting instructions; the Chairman should make further contact with that Mission as soon as possible.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]

TXT[Suggested that he should contact the Ambassador of Iraq to relay again the Committee's views regarding the use of third-country aircraft and regarding frozen funds, and the possibilities that existed in practice to reach agreement. If a package could be put together that met the Committee's concerns, he hoped that the Committee would be able to consider it under the accelerated no-objection procedure. He asked the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom to provide a detailed reply to the representative of Pakistan at a subsequent meeting even though, for political reasons, it would not make any difference in terms of the practical outcome of the Iraqi request.]

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ITEM[Letters dated 25 January 1994 and 26 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.871 and 2151)]

TXT[While he could agree to the Chairman's suggestion, the Chairman should make it clear to the Ambassador of Iraq that there was no consensus within the Committee regarding the use of Iraqi aircraft.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 25 January 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.670)]

TXT[Recalled that the Committee had asked for further information from the Government of Yemen in connection with its request for permission to release the deposits of Yemeni citizens in the Iraqi bank of Al-Rafedeen, Sanaa branch; however, the Committee had not yet received any clarification.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 25 January 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.670)]

TXT[His delegation had reviewed the request and would not object to the release of the remaining funds provided that no funds or economic resources were released to Iraqi individuals or entities.]

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ITEM[Note verbale dated 25 January 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.670)]

TXT[Took it that the Committee wished to respond to the Government of Yemen in that manner. It was so decided.]

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ITEM[Notes verbales dated 10 and 18 February, 11 and 24 March
1994 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the
Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.1507, 1659, 2128, 2128/Corr.1 and
2158; Note verbale dated 10 February 1994 from the Permanent
Mission of Egypt addressed to the Committee
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.1596); Letters dated 10 and 23 March 1994 from
the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.1975 and 2150)]
TXT[Suggested that the Committee should take note of the notes
verbales from Jordan concerning the traffic of food and medical
supplies through the Ruweished border point, and that from Egypt
concerning the authorization of Sudanese overflights, and the
letters from Iraq concerning the impact of the economic embargo
on the health of Iraqi citizens.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Letter dated 11 March 1994 from the Deputy Director-General
of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(FAO) addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3951/Add.1)]
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 11 March 1994 from the
Deputy Director-General of FAO, informing the Committee that
since cloud seeding was still largely experimental and since
there was little probability of success, FAO would not be in a
position to assume a monitoring and overseeing role in any rain-
making operations. That letter was a reply to a letter he had
sent, on behalf of the Committee, seeking advice on the
feasibility of artificial rain-making in connection with a
request from the Permanent Mission of Iraq, in document
S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3951.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 11 March 1994 from the Deputy Director-General
of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(FAO) addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3951/Add.1)]
TXT[His delegation wished to place Iraq's request on hold.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 11 March 1994 from the Deputy Director-General
of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(FAO) addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3951/Add.1)]
TXT[Suggested that the Committee should write back to FAO
thanking it for the investigations carried out on the Committee's
behalf; and that it should write to the Permanent Representative
of Iraq conveying the information it had received from FAO,
indicating that it was still willing to consider the issue
further, and seeking further comments. If the Committee was in
agreement, he would proceed accordingly.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Letter dated 11 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative
of Jordan addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2129)]
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 11 March 1994 from Jordan
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2129) concerning the import of oil and oil
derivatives, and suggested that the Committee should take note of
it.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the
International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the
Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332)]
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 29 March 1994
(S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332) from the International Maritime
Organization (IMO) seeking confirmation that the Committee would
have no objection to its plans to participate in a survey of
objects that might constitute a hazard to the marine environment
and to the safety of navigation in Iraqi territorial waters and
in international waters in the northern part of the Persian
Gulf.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the
International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the
Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332)]
TXT[It was the United Kingdom which wished to undertake the
survey; it had sought endorsement from IMO of the need for such a
survey. There were many wrecks in the area which constituted a
real hazard to the environment and to the safety of navigation.
Iraq itself was interested in clearing up the waterway. A United
Kingdom company and a Netherlands company would undertake a
survey at their own expense to see what would be involved in
clearing up the area. The Committee would therefore be
authorizing a survey by those companies that would probably lead
to an application to undertake the work on a commercial basis.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the
International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the
Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332)]
TXT[His delegation would seek additional information on a
bilateral basis and that, meanwhile, it wanted the request put on
hold.]

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SPKR[Bombois] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the
International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the
Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332)]
TXT[In the view of her Government, IMO could not make a request
to the Committee; the request must be made by the United Kingdom

Government on behalf of the companies concerned.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 29 March 1994 from the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2332)]

TXT[It would be helpful if the Committee had some idea of the geographical location in which the survey would be carried out. If that area included the territorial waters of sovereign States, the Committee would need to be aware of what areas were envisaged and of the extent to which the consent of such States had been secured. Pending further information the request would be placed on hold.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 2 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2156)]

TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 2 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2156) requesting the Committee's agreement to the payment by Iraq of its 1993 contribution to the World Tourism Organization from frozen Iraqi assets in the account held by the Central Bank of Iraq at the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, United States of America.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 2 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2156)]

TXT[His delegation did not feel that the request corresponded to humanitarian purposes and would therefore block it. In any case, under domestic United States legislation, Iraq would not be able to gain access to funds at the Chase Manhattan Bank.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 2 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1994/COMM.2156)]

TXT[Would advise the Permanent Representative of Iraq that the Committee was unable to reach a consensus on the request.]