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ITEM[Adoption of the agenda]

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Letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman

Review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)

The agenda was adopted.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of

Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1992/COMM.184)] TXT[Drew the Committee's attention to a letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/AC.25/1992/COMM.184) requesting the Committee's approval of the removal of one Iraqi Boeing 727 civilian aircraft from Tunis or Amman to Iraq, to be operated on the Baghdad-Basra domestic line, and approval of the operation of an Iraqi aircraft on one flight per day between Baghdad and Amman for the purpose of transporting United Nations staff members, foreign diplomats and Iraqi officials, since the overland route between the two countries was hazardous and

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sometimes closed owing to bad weather.]

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

ITEM[Letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1992/COMM.184)] TXT[His delegation had consistently objected to the return of any aircraft currently outside Iraq, since that would clearly violate paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 661 (1990). The establishment of a flight between Amman and Iraq would also be inconsistent with the terms of the relevant Security Council resolutions. His delegation was not aware of any difficulties in transporting United Nations staff, and were such difficulties to arise, other solutions could be found. Accordingly, his delegation objected to both elements of the request.]

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SPKR[Richardson] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1992/COMM.184)]

TXT[His delegation endorsed the comments made by the United States representative. The transfer of aircraft to Iraq would contravene paragraphs 3 (c) and 4 of Security Council resolution 661 (1990). Moreover, his delegation had no evidence that the United Nations was in need of flights between Iraq and Amman to transport its personnel.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 3 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of

Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1992/COMM.184)] TXT[Would inform the Permanent Representative of Iraq of the views expressed in the Committee.]

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CAT[661] MTG[66] DATE[3/6/92] TYPE[Intervention] SPKR[Posso Serrano] MS[Ecuador] FCT[Member] LANG[1] ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)] TXT[The aim of his delegation, as one of the non-aligned States members of the Security Council that had submitted the proposal for the transfer of various items from the "no-objection" procedure to the simple notification procedure, had been to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population of Iraq. It was not his delegation's intention to indicate any softening of its position vis-à-vis the Government of Iraq. The outcome of the Chairman's consultations was not ideal from the standpoint of the non-aligned countries, which had sought a straight transfer of the items in question. Nevertheless, the situation would be substantially improved in practical terms, in view of which his delegation could support the proposed approach.]

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ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)] TXT[His delegation had been concerned lest any formal change in procedure were interpreted as a lessening of the resolve of the Committee and of the international community to maintain sanctions. In particular, sending the wrong signal might give the Iraqi Government the impression that it need not comply fully with the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolutions 706 (1991) and 712 (1991). At the same time, his delegation was concerned that the Committee should be as flexible as possible where there was a clearly demonstrated humanitarian need. He welcomed the Chairman's formulation as reflecting a practical approach to the matter. Lastly, he wished to emphasize the right of all delegations to raise objections where there was cause for concern, particularly with regard to possible dual-use items.]

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SPKR[Rae] MS[India] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)]
TXT[In view of the situation prevailing in Iraq, his delegation regretted the failure to reach consensus on the proposal submitted by the non-aligned caucus with a view to instituting a formal change in the Committee's procedures. None the less, his delegation welcomed the Chairman's statement that favourable consideration would be given to the categories of exports mentioned, and expected that there would now be some movement towards achieving the objectives underlying the non-aligned proposal.]

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CAT[661] MTG[66] DATE[3/6/92] TYPE[Intervention] SPKR[Richardson] MS[United KIngdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1] ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)] TXT[In general his delegation had not raised objections in the past to items in the categories indicated by the Chairman. While accepting the Chairman's statement, his delegation maintained the right to object to any items which might have a dual use or did not fall strictly within the categories indicated.]

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SPKR[Lozinskiy] MS[Russia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)]
TXT[His delegation welcomed the Chairman's statement as a practical solution to a problem which had faced the Committee for some time.
All members of the Committee were resolved to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people, which had been brought about by the aggressive policies of the Iraqi Government. Strict and consistent compliance by Iraq with the relevant Security Council resolutions offered the most expeditious means to that end. In the meantime, the Committee must do its utmost to protect Iraq's population particularly the most vulnerable groups. A constructive attitude towards the Security Council on the part of the Iraqi Government would assist in resolving the whole issue.]

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ITEM[Review of the implementation of resolution 661 (1990)]

TXT[Took it that the Committee decided to take note of his report.

It was so decided.]