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ON SINGAPORE'S PARTICIPATION IN UNIKOM

The Government has accepted a UN invitation for Singapore to send a seven-member SAF team to participate in the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM). This reflects Singapore's strong support for UN efforts to bring more durable peace and stability in the Gulf region. Singapore's participation in the peace-keeping operation is in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 687 and 689, which provide for the establishment of UNIKOM to monitor the demilitarised zone between Iraq and Kuwait.

The Singapore team, comprising five majors and two captains, leaves Singapore on 24 April 1991 for Kuwait City. They will join military observers from 32 other UN-member countries to form the 300-strong UN military observer team for UNIKOM and will be stationed within the demilitarised zone, which extends ten kilometres into Iraq and five kilometres into Kuwait.

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Explanatory Note:

Initially, the UN had asked Singapore to send a 10-member contingent. Subsequently, it was reduced to a 7-member contingent. The reason is that a larger number of countries than had been anticipated agreed to send contingents. Hence each country's representation had to be reduced.