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Sir,

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that, since 26 February 2017, several Iraqi freight and cargo vessels have entered Kuwaiti territorial waters without prior authorization. United Kingdom Hydrographic Office map No. 1235 (see annex) indicates the position of the Iraqi vessels in Kuwaiti territorial waters, which are delimited by the decree issued on 17 December 1967 concerning the breadth of the territorial sea of the State of Kuwait. That decree was updated by decree No. 317 (2014), which was issued on 29 October 2014, concerning the delimitation of the maritime zones of the State of Kuwait in accordance with article 15 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It is clear that those vessels have transgressed