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The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to his letter of 2 March 2022 stating that the Republic of Iraq has deposited a chart of geographic coordinates in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The State of Kuwait objects to, and wishes to protest against, the baseline and baseline points claimed by the Republic of Iraq, on the following grounds:

1. The baseline and baseline points are not consistent with the provisions of part II of the Convention and, in particular, articles 5, 7 and 11 thereof.

2. Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides as follows:

[i]n localities where the coastline is deeply indented and cut into, or if there is a fringe of islands alo