



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Security Council  
DPA

21 December 2010

Dear Madam President,

I would like to refer to the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, dated 30 September 2004 (S/2004/764) and 1 October 2004 (S/2004/765), respectively, concerning the security arrangements for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

As indicated in the exchange of letters, in addition to the protection then provided by the multinational force in Iraq, the Council welcomed the proposed arrangements for an integrated United Nations security structure consisting of four elements, namely, international security staff, protection coordination officers, personal security details and guard units. With regard to the fourth element, the Security Council authorized the deployment of three formed units, each consisting of up to 160 armed civilian police, paramilitary or military personnel (480 in total), to be provided as contingents from Member States and to form part of UNAMI with the specific responsibility of controlling access to and conducting patrols within UNAMI premises.

I would like to thank the Security Council for its continued support for the integrated security structure in Iraq, which has been vital for the United Nations presence in the country since 2004. While noting the significant changes that have taken place in Iraq since that time, including a general improvement of the security situation and the progressive transfer of responsibilities from the multinational force (now the United States Forces in Iraq or USF-I) to the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), Iraq remains a challenging operating environment. During the next year and with the planned USF-I drawdown, UNAMI will increasingly be required to rely upon the integrated United Nations security structure and the ISF.

Her Excellency  
Ms. Susan E. Rice  
President of the Security Council  
New York

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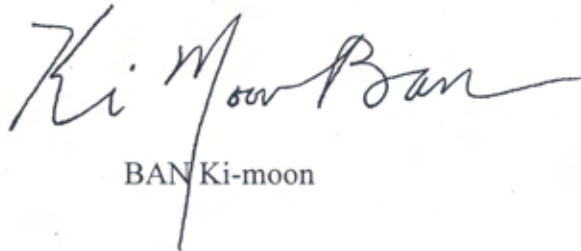
In view of the changing circumstances in Iraq, I intend to implement several important adjustments to the integrated United Nations security structure in its original configuration from 2004:

- (a) The coordination mechanism between the United Nations and the Government of Iraq will include police advisers and/or liaison officers; and
- (b) In addition to controlling access to and conducting patrols within UNAMI premises, the guard force will provide mobile and close protection security for United Nations personnel outside United Nations premises. The United Nations has informed the Government of Iraq of its intentions in this regard.

I believe that increased security support from the ISF, as well as the continuation of the integrated United Nations security structure, as described above, will be critical to ensure that United Nations personnel operating in Iraq have an adequate level of protection in the foreseeable future.

I should be grateful if you could confirm whether these adjustments to the integrated United Nations security structure are acceptable to the Security Council. It would then be my intention to take the necessary steps to reconfigure the integrated United Nations security structure and approach Member States for contributions accordingly.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter to the President of the Security Council regarding the reconfiguration of UNAMI's security arrangements.

The essential security arrangements at present are part of an exchange of letters in 2004 between the SG and the President of the SC (attached).

These arrangements which have held until now are up for change in view of the US military drawdown and the relatively improved security situation in Iraq. The letter proposes the following principal changes:

- 1) A basic move from military to police liaison, hence the request for police liaison officers;
- 2) Under the new arrangements, the current static profile of the guard units will acquire a mobile aspect, for example, escort support;
- 3) The personnel for the security arrangements will be drawn from a combination of Member States, personal security details, increased reliance on Iraqi Security Forces; and private security contractors. UNAMI's

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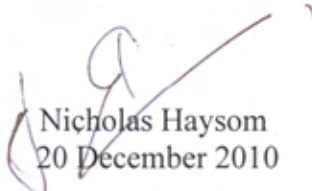
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Nicholas Haysom  
20 December 2010

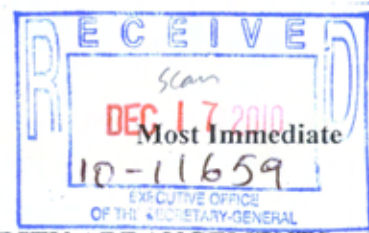
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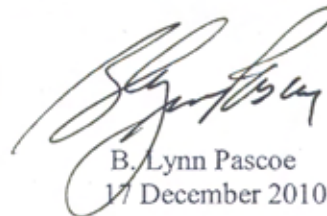
**LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON UNAMI SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS**

In 2004, there was an exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council regarding the establishment of a UN guard force to provide static security for UNAMI (see attached). It was agreed that the guard force would consist of three formed units of 160 troops (a total of 480 troops) from Member States. It was on this basis that the Government of Fiji agreed to provide troops to protect UNAMI.

Until now, the guard force has provided an adequate level of static security for UNAMI premises in Iraq. Escort and convoy protection was provided by the MNF-I and then by the USF-I. In view of the US military drawdown, new arrangements will need to be found to provide escort protection for UN staff on move in Iraq. In consultation with UNAMI, DSS and DPKO, several options are actively and concurrently being considered. They include (i) seek Member State support for mobile and close protection security; (ii) hire more personal security details (PSDs) who would work as UNAMI staff (which would require significantly more financial resources and posts); (iii) increase UNAMI's reliance on the Iraqi Security Forces; and as a last resort, (iii) private security contractors. The most likely scenario will be a combination of these different options. The Government of Iraq has been informed about UNAMI's plans on the first option.

UNAMI's preferred option is to seek Member State support for robust mobile and close protection security. However, before Member States can be approached, OLA advised us that we should inform the Security Council of our intention in this regard. Therefore, please find attached a draft letter for the Secretary-General's signature prepared in consultation with UNAMI, DSS, DPKO and OLA (attached). If the Council supports these arrangements, DPA and DPKO will follow-up with potential troop contributing countries. If no offers are received from Member States, the other abovementioned options would need to be pursued.

We would be grateful if you could bring this letter to the Secretary-General's attention as soon as possible. Time is of the essence as we hope to send this letter while the US holds the Presidency of the Security Council this month.

  
B. Lynn Pascoe  
17 December 2010

cc: Mr. Melkert  
Mr. Starr  
Ms. O'Brien  
Mr. Le Roy  
Ms. Malcorra

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**Letter dated 21 September 2004 from the Secretary-General  
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to my report of 3 September 2004 (S/2004/710 and Corr.1) pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) of 8 June 2004, and specifically to part III, concerning security arrangements for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

As I indicated in my report, in order for the Mission to be able to expand its staffing and its activities in Iraq, it will be necessary, in addition to the protection provided by the multinational force, to establish an integrated United Nations security structure to carry out access control and patrols within Mission facilities, to provide personal security details for personnel both within United Nations premises and on the move, to conduct training and to coordinate security arrangements between UNAMI and other United Nations organizations, as well as with the multinational force under unified command authorized by Security Council resolutions 1511 (2003) and 1546 (2004). The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq integrated security structure would consist of four elements, namely, international security staff, protection coordination officers, personal security details and guard units, and, as indicated above, would be in addition to the protection provided by the multinational force. The deployment of all of these four elements will be subject to ongoing assessments of the overall security situation in Iraq over the coming months and the related deployment of substantive staff. Deployment will also depend on the completion of the necessary logistical arrangements, including secure office and living accommodation.

With regard to the fourth element that would form part of that integrated security structure — namely, the guard units — there would be a need for three formed units, each consisting of up to 160 armed civilian police, paramilitary or military personnel, to be provided as contingents from Member States. These guard units would form part of UNAMI and would have the specific responsibility of controlling access to and conducting patrols within UNAMI premises.

I should be grateful if you could confirm that this arrangement is acceptable to the Security Council. It would then be my intention to proceed to generate the guard units and, subject to the overall security situation in Iraq and the logistical, financial and related arrangements that need to be put in place, to deploy them, as well as other elements of the integrated United Nations security structure, to Iraq.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan



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### Letter dated 1 October 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 21 September 2004 (S/2004/764), concerning the establishment of an integrated United Nations security structure for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, has been brought to the attention of the Security Council. The Council welcomes the proposed arrangements set out in your letter and urges Member States to respond positively with contributions.

(Signed) Emyr Jones Parry  
President of the Security Council

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