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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Re: Budget of the High-level Coordinator for the return of
Kuwaiti missing persons and property

1. Members of the Security Council (press statement SC/9772) agreed that the activities of the High-level Coordinator should continue for a period of eight months starting from 1 November 2009 with a possibility of further extension.
2. I have prepared the budget to finance the activities of the High-level Coordinator and his support staff until 30 June 2010 in the amount of US\$251,400. These funds will be earmarked from the operating reserves and fund balance of the 2.2% part of the Escrow Account intended for administration and operational costs.
3. A draft letter on the matter to the Security Council is attached. It has been drafted along the lines of the Secretary-General's letter (S/2008/205) addressed to the Security Council, which in March 2008 requested the funding for the related activities in the past year. It would be appreciated if the letter could be brought to the attention of the Council as soon as possible

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18 December 2009

Cc: Mr. Pascoe

18 December 2009

Dear Mr. President,

I should like to inform the Members of the Council that the activities undertaken to fulfill the mandate outlined in paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) and requested in a letter dated 26 March 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General (S/2008/206) have led to expenditures amounting to US\$337,657 from 25 April 2008 to 30 November 2009. The funds were provided through transfers from the Iraq Escrow Account.

I have taken note of the Security Council's press statement on Iraq-Kuwait (SC/9772 – IK/602) which noted the agreement of its members to finance the continuation of the activities of the High-level Coordinator for a period of eight months with a possibility of further extension.

Given the Security Council's and my call on all parties to translate political statements of goodwill into concrete actions to speed up progress during the coming months to resolve outstanding issues, the period ahead will require further intensification of the High-level Coordinator's activities. To that end it would be necessary to allocate resources sufficient to finance the activities of the High-level Coordinator and his support staff until 30 June 2010 in the amount of US\$251,400. It is suggested that these funds be earmarked from the operating reserves and fund balance of the 2.2% part of the Escrow Account intended for administration and operational costs.

Should the Council agree with this proposal, the funds will be transferred within the Escrow Account and made available to the Department of Political Affairs which backstops the activities of the High-level Coordinator.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Ban Ki-Moon

His Excellency
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