



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Iraq

DPA

20 August 2008

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 4 August 2008 conveying the request of your Government for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) for a further period of 12 months. Acting on this request, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1830 (2008) on 7 August. The resolution decided, inter alia, that my Special Representative and UNAMI shall, at the request of the Government of Iraq, continue to pursue their expanded mandate as stipulated in resolution 1770 (2007).

Since the adoption of resolution 1770 in 2007, the United Nations has made every effort to implement its mandate under the leadership of my Special Representative, Mr. Staffan de Mistura. I am pleased that the United Nations has been able to step up its activities in a wide range of areas including political facilitation, electoral and constitutional assistance, human rights, regional dialogue, and humanitarian, reconstruction and development assistance. It has also provided continued support for the International Compact with Iraq.

The Organization has also expanded its presence in Iraq, not only in established locations such as Baghdad, Erbil and Basra, but also in new areas including Kirkuk and Najaf. I am also pleased to report that a number of specialized United Nations agencies, including the World Health Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have established a permanent presence in Baghdad. I do hope, circumstances permitting, that this positive trend will continue.

His Excellency
Mr. Hoshyar Zebari
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
Baghdad

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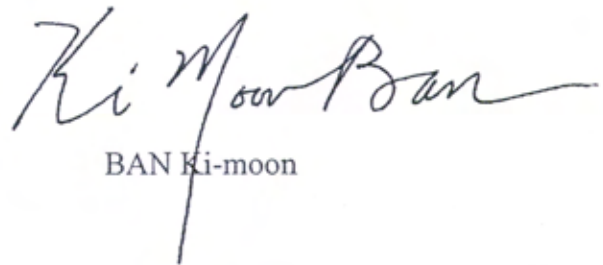
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I recognize that there are still many challenges facing Iraq. I believe that national reconciliation remains paramount and that efforts in this regard need to be accelerated. It is essential that Iraqi leaders from all quarters come together in a spirit of national unity to resolve their differences over critical issues such as the provincial elections law, disputed internal boundaries, the constitutional review process and the sharing of natural resources. The United Nations is committed to providing advice, assistance and support in all these areas in accordance with its mandate and as requested by the Government of Iraq.

Resolution 1830 (2008) also acknowledges that "the security of UN personnel is essential for UNAMI to carry out its work." This will be particularly important as the posture and presence of the Multinational Forces change. I am most grateful to the Government of Iraq for allocating a site for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound, a critical element of the continuous United Nations presence in Iraq. In order to proceed with this project without further delay, I wish to add my voice to the call of the Security Council to your Government to fulfil its commitment to contribute financially to this project.

The United Nations is committed to supporting Iraq in its efforts to build a peaceful and prosperous nation, and will continue to work with your Government and the people of Iraq to this end. In order to facilitate that cooperation, the early entry into force of the Status of Mission Agreement between the Government of Iraq and the United Nations, signed on 3 June 2005, would be most appreciated.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

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20 August 2008

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Won-soo'.

KIM Won-soo

Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
and Deputy Chef de Cabinet


His Excellency
Mr. Hamid Al Bayati
Permanent Representative of Iraq
to the United Nations
New York



To: Mr. Kim,

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to FM Zebari of Iraq, regarding the renewal of UNAMI's mandate and other pertinent issues.

The draft letter was prepared by DPA in consultation with UNAMI.



Nicholas Haysom
20 August 2008

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**Annex to the note verbale dated 4 August 2008 from the
Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Letter dated 4 August 2008 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of my Government that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) be extended for a further period of 12 months. The Government is mindful of the important role that the Mission plays in implementing its mandate, pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1500 (2003), 1546 (2004), 1557 (2004), 1619 (2005), 1700 (2006) and 1770 (2007).

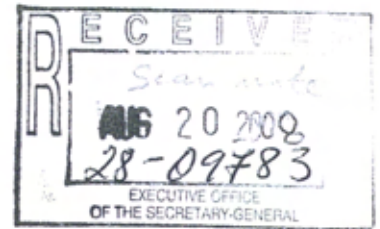
The elected constitutional Government of Iraq, while affirming its wish that the mandate be extended, hopes that the provision of assistance will be in accordance with specific mechanisms and with the prior approval of the Government of Iraq, in the manner referred to in my letter dated 6 August 2007 (S/2007/481, annex).

My Government looks forward to a more effective role for UNAMI with the return to work in Iraq of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes and their direct and valuable contribution to its reconstruction.

(Signed) Hoshiyar Zebari
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF IRAQ

Please find attached for the Secretary-General's signature a draft letter to the Foreign Minister of Iraq regarding the renewal of the UNAMI mandate and other pertinent issues. The draft letter was prepared in consultation with UNAMI.



B. Lynn Pascoe
19 August 2008