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 IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 1483

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1. (U) SUMMARY: IN AN HISTORIC SESSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 1483 AND THE MANDATE OF UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR <<IRAQ>> SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO, THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF <<IRAQ>>'S NEWLY FORMED GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) PARTICIPATED "IN THE NAME OF <<IRAQ>> ON BEHALF OF THE INTERIM GOVERNING COUNCIL." GC LEADER ADNAN PACHACHI TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT <<IRAQ>> "WOULD NEVER RETURN TO A SOCIETY OF FEAR AND INJUSTICE." EXPLICITLY SEEKING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, HE SAID: "WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT

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TO RESTORE <<IRAQ>> TO ITS NATURAL POSITION." WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF SYRIA, ALL SC MEMBERS WELCOMED THE GC REPRESENTATIVES. AS THE GERMAN PERMREP SAID, "THE GOVERNING COUNCIL PROVIDES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH AN IRAQI PARTNER WITH WHOM WE CAN ENGAGE." A THEME COMMON TO ALL SPEAKERS -- INCLUDING SYG ANNAN, SRSG DE MELLO, GC LEADER PACHACHI, AND NEARLY ALL SC MEMBERS -- WAS RECOGNITION OF THE GC AS AN "IMPORTANT FIRST STEP" ON THE ROAD TO RESTORING IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY.

2. (U) DE MELLO AND PACHACHI BOTH LAUDED THE FLEXIBILITY OF UNSCR 1483; DE MELLO SAID THE RESOLUTION'S "LATITUDE" WILL ALLOW THE UN ROLE IN <<IRAQ>> "TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP AS THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND DEVELOPS." SIGNIFICANTLY, HE SAID: "WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS CANNOT DO IS REPLACE THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY (CPA)... WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN DO IS TO HELP FACILITATE AND BUILD CONSENSUS AMONG IRAQIS, AND BETWEEN IRAQIS AND THE CPA." FRANCE AND GERMANY BOTH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A NEW RESOLUTION AWARDED THE UN A LARGER ROLE IN <<IRAQ>>. THE RUSSIAN DPR ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR "SUPPLEMENTING" THE UN ROLE. (DE MELLO'S FULL STATEMENT REPORTED REF A. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE OPEN MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON THE UN WEBSITE AFTER JULY 25 AT [HTTP://WWW.UN.ORG/DEPTS/DHL/RESGUIDE/SCACT2003.](http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/scact2003))

3. (U) AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW IRAQI GOVERNING COUNCIL, PER REF B INSTRUCTIONS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, THE IRAQI PEOPLE HAD A REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL BODY. "THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN DETERMINING THE PROCESS FOR DRAWING UP A NEW CONSTITUTION AND PROCEEDING TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL ELECTIONS." THIS BODY, HE EMPHASIZED, DESERVED THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY FORCES IN <<IRAQ>>, AS CALLED FOR UNDER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE OF UNSCR 1483. (AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE'S FULL STATEMENT IS AT PARA 14.) END SUMMARY.

SYG ANNAN: KEEP IRAQIS INTERESTS AS CENTRAL FOCUS

4. (U) SYG ANNAN WELCOMED THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC), AND LISTED SEVERAL FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING UN INVOLVEMENT IN <<IRAQ>>.

-- RESPECT POLITICAL FUTURE OF <<IRAQ>>;
 -- IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY OVER TERRITORY AND NATURAL RESOURCES;
 -- RESTORE <<IRAQ>>'S POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A COUNTRY AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.

RESOLUTION 1483, HE STATED, PROVIDED A MANDATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST KEEP THE INTEREST OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR <<IRAQ>> SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO HAD DONE PRECISELY THAT. OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL WAS THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED IRAQI GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, IT WAS VITAL FOR IRAQI PEOPLE TO SEE A CLEAR TIMETABLE LEADING TO FULL RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GC MUST BE FOLLOWED BY A CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS RUN BY IRAQIS FOR IRAQIS. THE UN WOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN FACILITATING THIS PROCESS, WORKING WITH THE GC AND CPA. <<IRAQ>> NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF ITS NEIGHBORS AND THE REGION AS A WHOLE. A STABLE <<IRAQ>> WAS IN THE COLLECTIVE INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. VIEIRA DE MELLO HAD ENGAGED IN AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AND INTENDED TO EXPAND THESE CONSULTATIONS TO INCLUDE ALL STATES CONCERNED. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD RISE TO MEET THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE AHEAD.

VIEIRA DE MELLO: GC SIGNIFICANT STEP, UN HAS CENTRAL ROLE

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TLINED AREAS WHERE UN COULD BEST ASSIST IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN <<IRAQ>>. HE NOTED THAT EVEN THOSE CRITICAL OF UN'S PAST RECORD IN <<IRAQ>> WANTED AN ENERGETIC "CENTER-STAGE" ROLE FOR THE UN. THE FORMATION OF THE GC WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL. THIS BODY HAD SIGNIFICANT EXECUTIVE POWERS AGREED JOINTLY BY ITS MEMBERS AND THE CPA WITH A PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE, EMPHASIS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, SECURITY, AND CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS. ALTHOUGH NOT DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED, THE GC WAS BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF VARIOUS VIEWS AND CONSTITUENCIES IN <<IRAQ>>. IT POSSESSED CREDIBLE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, AND ITS ESTABLISHMENT WAS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

POLITICAL SITUATION

6. (U) THE UN WOULD WORK WITH THE GC TO OUTLINE AREAS WHERE UN MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. THE GC LEADERS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR STATESMANSHIP FOR ASSUMING THIS RESPONSIBILITY. AS THE SYG NOTED IN HIS REPORT, THE DAY WHEN IRAQIS MUST GOVERN THEMSELVES MUST COME QUICKLY. IN THIS REGARD, <<IRAQ>> NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORS TO EMBRACE THE GC AND PROVIDE IT WITH WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT REQUESTED. THE GC ALSO NEEDED THE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE FAITH OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE, WHICH IT WOULD

"EARN ANEW EACH DAY." MANY FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL ISSUES HAD TO BE ADDRESSED, INCLUDING:

- DRAWING UP A CONSTITUTION (ESSENTIAL THAT THIS WAS AN IRAQI PROCESS AND AN EARLY FOCUS OF GC DELIBERATIONS)
- TIMING AND PRECISE NATURE OF ELECTIONS (FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT TO BE ELECTED)

THE ELECTION PROCESS COULD NOT BEGIN TOO SOON -- IT WAS A SIGNAL OF THE INTENT THAT FULL SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BE RETURNED TO <<IRAQ>>. A CLEAR TIMETABLE WITH MILESTONES FOR IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY WOULD HAVE TO BE OUTLINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THE IRAQI PEOPLE KNOW "THAT STABILITY WILL RETURN AND THAT THE OCCUPATION WILL END." THE SECRETARIAT'S ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION WOULD SOON VISIT <<IRAQ>> TO DISCUSS AND ELECTORAL FRAMEWORK WITH THE GC AND THE CPA.

LAW AND ORDER

7. (U) THE CPA HAD THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING SECURITY, LAW AND ORDER. THE GC, HOWEVER, NOW ALSO HAD RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ULTIMATELY ONLY IRAQIS COULD PERFORM THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THE UN HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER CAPACITY, AND THE CPA AND GC SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL UN ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS BILATERAL OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE IN POLICE DEVELOPMENT. ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, EMERGENCY REHABILITATION AND HEALTH AND DE-MINING REQUIRE ADDITIONAL URGENT SUPPORT. THE UN SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAND OVER THE OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM IN A SMOOTH MANNER IF

THERE ARE COORDINATED EFFORTS ON ALL SIDES. THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS BEING ADOPTED, HOWEVER, IS MUCH LARGER THAN IMAGINED BECAUSE THE REHABILITATION PROCESS BEGAN MUCH SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED. IN THE NORTHERN GOVERNORATES, THE CPA HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE HAND-OVER TAKE PLACE TO IRAQI AUTHORITIES AT BOTH THE REGIONAL AND CENTRAL LEVELS; THE UN WAS WORKING ON A STRATEGY TO PRESENT TO THE GC AND THE CPA.

HUMAN RIGHTS

8. (U) THE IRAQI PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PAST CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE FORMER REGIME. THERE WAS "MUCH MERIT" IN CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED IRAQI AND INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS TO CONTEMPLATE THE BEST OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THESE SERIOUS CRIMES. THE UN WOULD CONTINUE TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE, WELCOMING A VISIT BY UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN <<IRAQ>> ANDREAS MAVROMMATIS. THE CPA HAS BEEN RECEPTIVE TO CONCERNS REGARDING THE SEARCHES, ARRESTS, <<TREATMENT>> OF <<DETAINEES>> AND

ACCESS BY FAMILY MEMBERS, AND PROVIDED INPUT ON EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. REFERRING TO CONCERNS ABOUT COALITION <<TREATMENT>> OF <<DETAINEES>>, DE MELLO SAID: "I HAVE RAISED WITH AMBASSADORS BREMER AND SAWERS (THESE) CONCERNS.... THEY HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE AND HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH RESPONSES ON ACTION BEING TAKEN TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS."

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E ROLE IN <<IRAQ>>. IT IS NOT A CLEAR MANDATE BUT, EQUALLY, THE SITUATION IN <<IRAQ>> IS UNIQUE AND THUS PERHAPS CALLED FOR A UNIQUE RESOLUTION. ITS LACK OF CLARITY ALLOWS FOR LATITUDE AND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ROLE IN <<IRAQ>> TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP AS THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND DEVELOPS." THE UN COULD NEVER REPLACE THE CPA OR THE IRAQIS, BUT WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE TO RESPOND WHEN CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE, AND HELP FACILITATE AND BUILD CONSENSUS AMONG IRAQIS AND BETWEEN IRAQIS AND THE CPA.

GC: LONG ROAD AHEAD, WE WELCOME INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

10. (U) GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ADAN PACHACHI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UN FOR INVITING THEIR DELEGATION TO THE UN, AND THANKED THE CPA FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN <<IRAQ>>. GC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING WAS A CLEAR COUNCIL EXPRESSION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF <<IRAQ>> STRESSED UNDER UNSCR 1483. SADDAM'S TYRANIC REGIME, HE STATED, OPPRESSED ALL IRAQIS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS; THE BIGGEST AND MOST HORRIFIC EXAMPLES COULD BE FOUND IN THE MASS GRAVES THAT WERE BEING DISCOVERED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THE GC HAD CALLED ON A SELECT GROUP OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PUT FORTH PROPOSALS FOR A SPECIAL TRIBUNALS TO PROSECUTE MEMBERS OF THE OLD REGIME FOR THEIR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

THE HAD DECIDED THAT EVERYONE IN <<IRAQ>> SHOULD BENEFIT FROM <<IRAQ>>'S ENORMOUS ASSETS, AND HAD ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO DEVELOP A FUND TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF THE FORMER REGIME.

11. (U) LIVING CONDITIONS IN <<IRAQ>> HAD NOT IMPROVED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS HOPED, BUT AT LEAST THE IRAQIS WERE FREE. RANDOM EXECUTIONS AND ARRESTS WERE FINALLY GONE, ONCE AND FOR ALL. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HAD BEEN FORMED THROUGH PAINSTAKING CONSULTATIONS INVOLVING THE CPA AND SRSG AND REPRESENTED THE FULL SPECTRUM OF IRAQI SOCIETY. UNSCR 1483 DID NOT CLEARLY DEFINE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE IRAQI INTERIM AUTHORITY (IIA), ALLOWING FOR FLEXIBILITY AND EXPANSION IN THE ROLE OF THE GC. THE UN COULD ASSIST THE GC IN DEVELOPING ITS LAWS, AND THE GC WOULD WORK ON A CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD PRESERVE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF EVERYONE, INCLUDING WOMEN, AND

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ENSURE FREE ELECTIONS, CREATING A CIVIL SOCIETY BASED ON FREEDOM. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE GC WAS TO MOVE TOWARDS AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE GC WOULD COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESTORE <<IRAQ>> TO ITS "NATURAL POSITION."

UK: GC PARTNER TO UN IN POLITICAL PROCESS

12. (U) UK AMBASSADOR GREENSTOCK, IN HIS LAST COUNCIL INTERVENTION ON <<IRAQ>>, RECOGNIZED THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UN IN <<IRAQ>>. AS STATED IN UNSCR 1483, THE DAY WHEN IRAQIS GOVERN THEMSELVES SHOULD COME QUICKLY, AND THE GC WAS A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED IRAQI GOVERNMENT. THE SYG WELCOMED THE GC AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE A PARTNER IN THE IRAQI-OWNED PROCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. THE CPA WOULD WORK WITH THE GC TO CREATE CONDITIONS IN <<IRAQ>> CONDUCIVE TO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. THE UK, AS PART OF THE CPA, RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY, AND WOULD WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW. A MINORITY IN <<IRAQ>> WAS ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THE PROCESS, UNDERMINING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. THEY WOULD NOT SUCCEED.

13. (U) GREENSTOCK WELCOMED A UN ROLE IN REFORM OF IRAQI JUSTICE SYSTEMS, AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY STRUCTURES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, THE SECURITY SECTOR, AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING. THE CPA WAS RESTORING JUDICIAL SYSTEMS AND THE IRAQIS THEMSELVES WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO PUNISH PAST CRIMES. ULTIMATELY, IRAQIS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORMS. UNSCR 1483 CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IRAQI STABILITY AND SECURITY, AND <<IRAQ>> REMAINED THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

FRANCE: SIGNALS INTEREST IN A NEW RESOLUTION

14. (U) FRENCH PR DE LA SABLIERE WELCOMED THE MEMBERS OF THE RECENTLY FORMED "TRANSITION GOVERNMENT" AS A "FIRST POSITIVE STEP FORWARD" IN THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE GC BODY

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SFUL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF <<IRAQ>>, ARGUING FOR A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A MILITARY SOLUTION AND CALLING FOR THE SWIFT RESTORATION OF IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY. WHILE NOTING UNSCR 1483

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ENABLED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO REGAIN UNITY, HE CHARACTERIZED THE RESOLUTION AS A "LIMITED AND IMPERFECT" FRAMEWORK. HE ASSERTED A PREFERENCE FOR MAKING THE UN A GENUINE INTERNATIONAL PARTNER AND THE CENTER OF RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS. FRANCE HAS "NOTED WITH INTEREST" DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A NEW RESOLUTION.

15. (U) LA SABLIERE SAID FRANCE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE UN TO TAKE AN AMBITIOUS ROLE. IN THIS REGARD, HE ARGUED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY AND MONITORING BOARD (IAMB) TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR <<IRAQ>> SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO MONITOR DFI DISBURSEMENTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH 1483. REFERRING TO THE OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM, HE SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SUPPLIERS. HE SAID FRANCE WOULD SUPPORT A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK FOR DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO <<IRAQ>>'S RECONSTRUCTION. AS TO THE OIL SECTOR, FRANCE BELIEVES ITS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

RUSSIA: IMPROVED SECURITY LEVERAGE FOR SUCCESS

16. (U) RUSSIAN DPR GATILOV STRESSED THE COMPLEX NATURE OF THE SITUATION IN <<IRAQ>>, AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE AND STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE ONLY WAY TO ASSIST <<IRAQ>> OUT OF THE CRISIS WAS TO RESPECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND RIGHT OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES. RUSSIA AGREED WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SYG'S REPORT, AND NOTED THAT THE SUCCESSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD BE GREATER IF THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE GROUND WERE MORE STABLE. THE GC WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION; HOWEVER, THIS STEP HAD TO LEAD TO A LEGALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT, DETERMINED BY THE IRAQI PEOPLE. THE UN COULD ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE RULE OF LAW, THROUGH A CLEAR TIMETABLE DEFINED BY A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. THE SRSG HAD A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN <<IRAQ>>, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE IMF, WORLD BANK, AND UNDP. THE UN SHOULD CONTINUE ITS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS FOLLOWING THE PHASE-OUT OF OFF, BECAUSE THESE PROGRAMS WERE CRITICAL TO THE IRAQI POPULATION WHICH HAD SUFFERED YEARS OF DEPRIVATION UNDER THE PRIOR REGIME. IT WAS NOW IMPORTANT TO TAKE A DECISION ON THE SPECIFIC STEPS FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN <<IRAQ>>, SUPPLEMENTING THE UN ROLE WITH APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS.

CHINA: CLEAR TIMETABLE FOR POLITICAL PROCESS NEEDED

17. (U) CHINESE DPR ZHANG WELCOMED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN <<IRAQ>> STATING THAT CHINA SHARED THE VIEW OF THE SYG THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO SEE

A "CLEAR TIMETABLE LEADING TO THE EARLY RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY." ZHANG DREW ATTENTION TO THREE POINTS IN THE SYG'S REPORT: 1) THE EARLY RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY; 2) THE UNSTABLE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION; AND 3) THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE UN IN RECONSTRUCTION. RESOLUTION 1483 "HAS LAID A GOOD FOUNDATION" FOR A UN ROLE AND SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

SYRIA: GC SUCCESS DEPENDS ON RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS

18. (U) SYRIAN PR WEHBE STATED THAT SYRIA ATTACHES ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE OF THE UN IN <<IRAQ>>, PARTICULARLY IN THE RESTORATION OF IRAQI INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, CONTROL OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, AND AN END TO THE MILITARY OCCUPATION. WEHBE RELATED SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD'S STATEMENT THAT SYRIA WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT <<IRAQ>>'S FUTURE. SYRIA WOULD SUPPORT ALL STEPS LEADING TO IRAQIS REGAINING CONTROL OVER THEIR TERRITORY. THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD DEPEND UPON THE STEPS IT TOOK IN ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. THE RESTORATION OF IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS. WEHBE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FORMAT FOR A NEW IRAQI GOVERNMENT COULD BE IMPOSED FROM WITHOUT, BUT HAD TO COME FROM A GENUINE "INTERNAL DESIRE" AS REFLECTED IN THE SYG'S REPORT. A CLEAR TIMETABLE LEADING TO THE FULL RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THE END OF MILITARY OCCUPATION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED. (NOTE: WEHBE WAS THE ONLY SC MEMBER NOT/NOT TO WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SESSION, BUT HE DID NOT CRITICIZE IT. END NOTE.)

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NCE OF THE DAY THE IRAQI PEOPLE LEFT DICTATORSHIP BEHIND AND "GLIMPSED THE NEW DEMOCRATIC AND INTERNATIONALLY INTEGRATED <<IRAQ>>." THE GC WAS A VITALLY IMPORTANT, DECISIVE STEP TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT. IT DESERVED THE SUPPORT OF THE FULL INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND WOULD EARN THE RESPECT OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE. STILL, LIFE WAS DIFFICULT IN <<IRAQ>>. THE FRAGILE SECURITY SITUATION REMAINED IN THE HANDS OF THE CPA UNTIL AN IRAQI POLICE FORCE COULD BE FULLY DEPLOYED. BASIC SERVICES LIKE BANKS AND HOSPITALS, HOWEVER, WERE RETURNING. PALACIO EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE PUBLIC FORUM FOR OPEN DEBATE ON THE IRAQI CONSTITUTION, WHICH WOULD THEN BE RATIFIED IN A PUBLIC REFERENDUM. THE UN, PALACIO SAID, WOULD HAVE A KEY ROLE IN IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

GERMANY: NEED SECOND RESOLUTION, TRANSPARENCY IN DFI

20. (U) GERMAN PR PLEUGER ALSO WELCOMED THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, STATING THAT IT WAS THE FIRST STEP IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC IRAQI GOVERNMENT. THE UN COULD PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE LEGITIMACY, THROUGH ITS EXPERIENCE AND IMPARTIALITY, TO THE ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PROCESS.

GERMANY WOULD SUPPORT THOSE WHO WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO <<IRAQ>> THROUGH THE UN, AND A SECOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS UNDER UN AUSPICES. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY WAS CRITICAL AS MEMBERS OF THE OLD REGIME WERE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE. PLEUGER OBSERVED THAT, DESPITE ITS OIL RICHES, <<IRAQ>> NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND THAT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WOULD ONLY BE FORTHCOMING WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY AND INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING. GERMAN COMPANIES STOOD READY TO CONTRIBUTE, IF THEIR PARTICIPATION WAS WELCOME. RECALLING NEGOTIATIONS OVER UNSCR 1483, PLEUGER ASSERTED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY AND MONITORING BOARD (IAMB) OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR <<IRAQ>> (DFI) SHOULD HAVE A STRONG MANDATE, ENSURING THAT FUNDS WOULD BE DISPERSED BASED ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 OF UNSCR 1483. GERMANY WOULD ALSO WELCOME A MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT FOR BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IRAQI RECONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ATTRACT "ADEQUATE" FUNDS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, EXPENDITURES FROM BOTH THE DFI AND THE "MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT" WOULD NEED TO BE FULLY TRANSPARENT AND COORDINATED.

PAKISTAN: 1483 PROVIDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECURITY

21. (U) PAKISTANI PR AKRAM STATED THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES VALLEY ALWAYS ENJOYED CLOSE TIES TO THE INDUS CIVILIZATION, AND PAKISTAN REMAINED COMMITTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE. TRANSPARENCY WAS KEY TO DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE IAMB SHOULD REFLECT THAT THE BODY WILL NOT ONLY ADVISE, BUT ALSO MONITOR TRANSACTIONS THROUGH ITS AUDITORS.

22. (U) SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1472 AND 1483 AFFIRM THE BASIC POLICIES THAT GUIDE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN AIDING THE IRAQI PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE FULL RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE TO <<IRAQ>>. WHILE SECURITY REMAINED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CPA, UNSCR 1483, PARAGRAPH 8, PROVIDED FOR UN ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE FORCES. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO CALLED ON FRIENDS OF <<IRAQ>> TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELFARE OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE, INCLUDING IN THE PROVISION OF SECURITY. (NOTE: AKRAM HAS EXPRESSED THIS OPINION BEFORE REF C. END NOTE.) THE GC WAS A WELCOME FIRST STEP TOWARDS IRAQI GOVERNING THEMSELVES, BUT A CLEAR SEQUENCE

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OF EVENTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED, DEFINING A TIMEFRAME FOR THE END OF MILITARY OCCUPATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE IRAQI GOVERNMENT.

CHILE: CONSTITUTIONAL WORKING GROUP NEEDED

23. (U) CHILEAN PR MUNOZ TOOK NOTE OF THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL STATING THAT, ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT BE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED YET, IT COULD STILL SERVE AS A TOOL FOR THE RESTORATION OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. THE GC SHOULD ESTABLISH OF A CONSTITUTIONAL WORKING GROUP AND WORK TOWARD THE ELECTION OF A NEW REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE FORMER REGIME WOULD HAVE TO BE

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ORDER TO ENFORCE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW. CHILE REMAINED CONCERNED ABOUT DAILY VIOLENCE THAT CONTINUED TO HINDER STABILIZATION.

MEXICO: IAMB TRANSPARENCY KEY, SECURITY ESSENTIAL

24. (U) MEXICAN PR AGUILAR-ZINSER STRESSED A NEED TO END MILITARY OCCUPATION OF <<IRAQ>> AND RESTORE IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. MEXICO CONCURRED WITH THE SYG RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT FOR IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE UN'S ROLE, HE STATED, WAS TO STRENGTHEN <<IRAQ>> THROUGH ASSISTING THE IRAQI PEOPLE, ADDRESSING HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS, AND REBUILDING CIVIL SOCIETY. HE WELCOMED DIALOGUE WITH THE IRAQIS, WHO HAD THEIR OWN NEEDS, DEMANDS, AND OBJECTIVES. THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM GOALS IN <<IRAQ>> SHOULD BE RESTORING PEACE AND SECURITY AND CREATING ROBUST, REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD ASSIST WITH SECURITY IN <<IRAQ>>, BUT THE CPA RETAINED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY AND SHOULD WORK TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND, ESPECIALLY THE PROTECTION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS. AGUILAR-ZINSER HIGHLIGHTED THREE AREAS WHERE THE UN HAD A CRITICAL ROLE IN <<IRAQ>>:

- SPEEDY DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING OFF'S CONTRIBUTION TO DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AND STRUCTURES;
- DISARMING AND DEMOBILIZING FORMER SOLDIERS;
- TRIALS AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE FORMER REGIME.

THE IAMB WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE OIL REVENUES WERE DEALT WITH IN A TRANSPARENT WAY, BECAUSE THOSE REVENUES PROVIDED THE PRIMARY FUNDING FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO <<IRAQ>>.

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BULGARIA: UN HAS CENTRAL ROLE IN POLITICAL PROCESS

25. (U) BULGARIAN PR TAFROV PRAISED THE GC, WHICH HE CALLED A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR <<IRAQ>>. TAFROV NOTED THE CENTRAL ROLE THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD PLAY IN BRINGING THE POLITICAL PROCESS TO FRUITION. THE UN COULD PARTICULARLY IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN <<IRAQ>>, WHICH NEEDED SPECIAL ATTENTION AFTER YEARS OF THE ABUSIVE DICTATORSHIP. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, HE SAID, MUST FIND A WAY TO HELP THE IRAQIS RESUME CONTROL IN THEIR COUNTRY.

ANGOLA: NEXT STEP ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTION

26. (U) ANGOLAN PR GASPAR-MARTINS WELCOMED THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, STATING THAT IT WAS A STEP FORWARD TO ESTABLISHING NORMALCY IN <<IRAQ>>. HE CALLED FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS AND WELCOMED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GC JUDICIAL COMMISSION. THE UN GOALS FOR <<IRAQ>>, HE STATED, SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE AND COMMAND THE BROAD-BASED SUPPORT OF IRAQIS. GASPAR-MARTINS EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE UN PLAN FOR INVOLVEMENT IN <<IRAQ>>, AND THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A FURTHER UN ROLE.

GUINEA: NEED DONORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

27. (U) COUNSELOR DIALLO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GUINEA NOTED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IRAQI INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS A PRIORITY FOR IRAQI RECONSTRUCTION. THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS IN <<IRAQ>> COULD BE PROMOTED THROUGH APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL MEASURES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. DONORS SHOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO RECONSTRUCTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE IRAQI PEOPLE REMAINED VULNERABLE. <<IRAQ>> NEEDED THE UN EXPERTISE TO MOVE TOWARDS A MARKET ECONOMY, AFTER YEARS OF WAR AND POVERTY. <<IRAQ>> WAS A "VAST BUILDING SITE" FOR WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD HELP PROVIDE AN INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR REFORM, PUTTING AN END TO THE IRAQI "NIGHTMARES."

CAMEROON: UN MILITARY-POLICE PRESENCE CANNOT BE RULED OUT

28. (U) CAMEROONIAN PR BELINGA-EBOUTOU EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL STATING THAT ITS CREATION WAS A CRITICAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL ECONOMIC AND DEMOCRATIC ORDER. CAMEROON SUPPORTED THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN HIS REPORT AND AGREED THAT URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN. ON THE ISSUE OF SECURITY, THE OPTION OF A UN MILITARY OR POLICE PRESENCE SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT FOR THE FUTURE.

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S SPEECH:

WE WELCOME THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. HIS WORK IN <<IRAQ>> AND THE WORK OF THE UN STAFF EXEMPLIFY THE VITAL ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ENVISAGED BY PRESIDENT BUSH AND PRIME MINISTER BLAIR IN THE HILLSBOROUGH STATEMENT.

I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO WELCOME MR. ADNAN PACHACHI, MR. AHMED CHALABI AND MS. AQEELA AL-HASHIMI THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL THAT ARE HERE WITH US TODAY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST FIFTY YEARS IN <<IRAQ>>, THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THAT REGARD. IN <<IRAQ>> TODAY, ALL SHADES OF OPINION HAVE FULL FREEDOM TO COMPETE IN AN OPEN MARKET OF IDEAS. YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS A POWERFUL SYMBOL OF THAT FREEDOM.

POLITICAL FRAMEWORK

TWO MONTHS AGO TODAY, THIS COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 1483, WHICH CREATED A FORWARD PATH FOR THE COALITION AUTHORITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE GROUND IN <<IRAQ>>. RESOLUTION 1483 AFFIRMED OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO THE FREE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT OF <<IRAQ>>. TODAY, JUST TWO MONTHS LATER, THE IRAQI PEOPLE HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS ON THE CHALLENGING TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY WITH THE FORMATION OF THE 25-MEMBER GOVERNING COUNCIL, ON JULY 13, NINE DAYS AGO. AS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 107 OF HIS REPORT, THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WAS ANTICIPATED IN RESOLUTION 1483 ANTICIPATED, AND AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 107 OF HIS RECENT REPORT, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL PROVIDES A BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE IRAQI PARTNER -- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, THERE IS A NATIONAL POLITICAL BODY THAT REFLECTS THE RICH MOSAIC OF IRAQI SOCIETY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT BY AND FOR THE IRAQI PEOPLE AS ENVISAGED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1483 IS UNDERWAY. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL DESERVES THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THIS BODY.

I NOTE ALSO THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT EMPHASIZES, IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A CLEAR TIMETABLE LEADING TO FULL RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WILL PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN DETERMINING THE PROCESS FOR DRAWING UP A NEW CONSTITUTION AND PROCEEDING TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL ELECTIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL

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ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND A PROCESS BY WHICH A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR <<IRAQ>> WILL BE PREPARED AND APPROVED. THESE ARE KEY MILESTONES ON THE ROAD TO THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ENVISIONED IN RESOLUTION 1483.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN <<IRAQ>>'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. MORE THAN SEVENTY WOMEN PARTICIPATED IN A DAY OF WORKSHOPS ON JULY 9 ENTITLED "VOICE OF WOMEN IN <<IRAQ>>." THAT EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY A STEERING GROUP OF IRAQI WOMEN, WITH ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING UNIFEM, UNDP, AND UNICEF. THE SAME STEERING GROUP WILL PUBLISH THE WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTION AND DEMOCRACY, AMONG A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES.

SECURITY

THIS UNFOLDING POLITICAL PROCESS IS OPPOSED BY SOME AND THE UNDENIABLY FRAGILE SECURITY SITUATION IS A CLEAR MANIFESTATION OF THE MINORITY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE POLITICAL FREEDOM. THEY ARE ENEMIES OF FREEDOM, AND ARE THREATENED BY VISIBLE SIGNS OF PROGRESS. BUT THEY WILL NOT PREVAIL. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>>, TOGETHER WITH OUR COALITION PARTNERS AND OTHERS WILLING TO JOIN US IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT, IS COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS FOR SECURITY, WHICH WILL ALLOW PROSPERITY AND DEMOCRACY TO FLOURISH. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD RECALL THAT, IN ITS FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, RESOLUTION 1483 APPEALS TO MEMBER STATES AND CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO CONDITIONS OF STABILITY AND SECURITY IN <<IRAQ>>, AND WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE MEMBER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE STABILITY FORCES UNDER THIS RESOLUTION.

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ISHING SECURITY IN <<IRAQ>> IS MULTIFACETED, INCLUDING ENABLING THE IRAQIS TO ULTIMATELY PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY. THE COALITION HAS MOVED QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH IRAQI POLICE FORCES AND SHORTLY WILL BEGIN RECRUITING, VETTING, AND TRAINING THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE NEW IRAQI ARMY. SECURITY FORCES FOR MINISTRIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES -- FOR EXAMPLE, PORT SECURITY -- ARE BEING SCREENED, HIRED, AND TRAINED.

ECONOMY

IN ADDITION TO THE INDISPENSABLE ELEMENTS OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL FREEDOM, <<IRAQ>> MUST ACHIEVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND

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DEVELOPMENT. POLITICAL PROGRESS WILL BE EMPTY OF MEANING IF THE PEOPLE OF <<IRAQ>> CANNOT PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN LIVELIHOOD.

RESOLUTION 1483 APPEALS TO MEMBER STATES TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF <<IRAQ>> IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REFORM THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND REBUILD THEIR COUNTRY. THE PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DONORS CONFERENCE LATER THIS YEAR WILL ALLOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE AND HELP TO REBUILD <<IRAQ>>. WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT 1483 IN A TRANSPARENT MANNER.

TOGETHER, WE MUST PROMOTE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ON AN URGENT BASIS, INCLUDING THE REVITALIZATION OF THE OIL INDUSTRY; THE JUDICIOUS USE OF OIL REVENUES AND OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FREE MARKET ECONOMY. <<IRAQ>> IS BLESSED WITH VAST NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN POTENTIAL. THE CHALLENGE IS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR <<IRAQ>>'S POTENTIAL TO BE REALIZED, SETTING THE IRAQI ECONOMY ON THE PATH FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ESTABLISHING A STRONG MOMENTUM TOWARD AN OPEN MARKET ECONOMY, WHILE KEEPING IN PLACE A SOCIAL SAFETY NET.

CONCLUSION

THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS WILL BE FULL OF CHALLENGES, AND -- TO BE SURE, ALSO - DIFFICULTIES. THE OPPORTUNITY NOW EXISTS FOR THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR A STABLE, PROSPEROUS AND DEMOCRATIC <<IRAQ>>, AND WE MUST HELP THEM TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE.

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