1st December 2005

H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc
Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

Excellency,

Upon the instructions of my government, I have the honour to attach a letter containing the position of the Government of Iraq regarding the proposed de-listing guidelines. Please circulate the attachment to the members of the 1518 Committee.

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

Sincerely,

Feisal Amin al-Istrabadi
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Chargé d’affaires a.i.
Delisting letter from Iraq to 1518 committee

The permanent mission of Iraq to the United Nation understands that the U.N committee is considering revising the committee's guidelines to include procedures for de-listing individuals or entities.

We note below the understanding of the Government of Iraq with respect to this issue.

As part of these proposed de-listing procedures, the committee shall, upon receipt of a de-listing request, invite the Government of Iraq through its Permanent Mission to the United Nation to offer its views.

In the case of a request to de-list an individual or entity erroneously listed, the Government of Iraq, through its Permanent Mission to the United Nation, intends to respond that any person or entity listed erroneously is entitled to de-listing and to restitution of any funds or other financial assets or economic resources of that individual or entity that have been transferred to the Development Fund for Iraq. The Government of Iraq, in such a case, intends to make every effort to accommodate such restitution.

In the case of a request to de-list an individual or entity included on the list correctly, on the basis that he or it had acted on behalf, or at the direction, of Saddam Hussein or other senior official(s) of the former Iraqi regime or their immediate family members, or for other valid cause under applicable Security Council resolutions, the Government of Iraq, through its Permanent Mission to the United Nation, intends to give its understanding as to whether the funds or other financial assets or economic resources, with respect to which the individual or entity had been so acting, have been previously removed from Iraq and thereafter transferred to the Development Fund for Iraq. On the basis of this and other relevant information, the Government of Iraq through its Permanent Mission to the United Nation, will give its views as to whether the individual or entity is entitled to de-listing.

In either case, whether the individual or entity was erroneously or correctly listed, the Government of Iraq will not be liable for any damages resulting from, or caused by, such listing.

We request that the foregoing be circulated to all Members of the 1518 committee.

The Mission of Iraq takes this opportunity to renew its assurances of its highest consideration.