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Letter dated 24 March 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter of 20 December 2005 (S/2005/847) and recent discussions between the Secretariat and the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, I have decided to extend the Office of the Independent Inquiry Committee until 31 December 2006. The Office will continue to have the exclusive function of handling enquiries from duly authorized law enforcement authorities of Member States seeking to follow up on the findings of the final report of the Committee.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council for their information.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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