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Letter dated 14 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated May 2019 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Mohamed Ali Alhakim, addressed to you, conveying the wish of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Hussein **Bahr Aluloom** Ambassador Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations



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Annex to the letter dated 14 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) be extended for a further period of one year, to 31 May 2020, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 2421 (2018), and that the Mission continue to provide assistance and advice upon the request of the Government.

The Government of Iraq reaffirms the importance of the role of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including the United Nations Country Team, and UNAMI in providing advice, support and assistance to the people and Government of Iraq.

As the Government of Iraq prepares for reconciliation and reconstruction, it is quite clear that the Mission, in cooperation with the United Nations Country Team, can help Iraq to address the challenges it currently faces, namely, the reconstruction of Iraq and, in particular, of the cities and towns that were destroyed by the terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the return and retraining of displaced persons, the consolidation of human rights and the rule of law, and building capacities.

You will be aware that the extremely serious humanitarian crisis caused by acts of terrorism has displaced millions of Iraqis, who were forced to leave the areas in which they resided, and that such acts have also destroyed the infrastructure of a number of cities. Iraq therefore needs the assistance and advice of UNAMI in order to restore stability, rebuild what was destroyed and ensure a decent life for all Iraqis.

> (*Signed*) Mohamed Ali **Alhakim** Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq