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Letter dated 27 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 13 May 2020 from Abd Al-Kareem Mustafa, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, conveying the request of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to renew the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for one year until 31 May 2021 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be sent to the President of the Security Council to be issued as a document and circulated to all Member States of the esteemed Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Hussein **Bahr Aluloom**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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[Original: Arabic]

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 2021, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 2470 (2019), and that the Mission continue to provide assistance and advice upon the request of the Government.

My Government reaffirms the importance of the role that the United Nations, and in particular UNAMI, plays in supporting and advising the people and Government of Iraq.

Iraq is facing real challenges. The remnants of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization are taking advantage of the crisis that Iraq and the entire world have been experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to launch new attacks. As the Government of Iraq, in cooperation with the international community, presses ahead with its efforts to eliminate terrorism, ensure the return of displaced persons and rebuild the country, it is quite clear that the Mission, in cooperation with the United Nations country team, can help Iraq address the challenges it currently faces, in particular in those areas and cities that were destroyed by the terrorist organization ISIL, with regard to the return and retraining of displaced persons, the consolidation of human rights and the rule of law, and building capacities.

You are no doubt aware of developments in Iraq after the formation of the new Government and of the need to prepare for the holding of early elections as soon as possible. You are also no doubt aware of the challenges that the country continues to face, including the humanitarian suffering of displaced persons and the efforts being made to return them safely and voluntarily to their areas of residence, the destruction of the infrastructure of several cities and the low price of crude oil on world markets and the effect that that has had on State revenue. Iraq therefore reaffirms that it needs the assistance of the Mission in order to restore stability, rebuild the country and provide a decent life for all Iraqis.

In conclusion, I should like to express my gratitude for your tireless efforts to support my Government as it strives to establish lasting security for and bring prosperity and stability to the people of Iraq. For its part, Iraq will continue to play a central role in promoting security and stability in the region, and to support the efforts of the United Nations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through its cooperation with UNAMI and United Nations agencies and funds operating in the country, in accordance with the mandate of each entity and pursuant to the relevant provisions of the laws of Iraq.

(Signed) **Abdulkarim Hashim Mustafa**
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs