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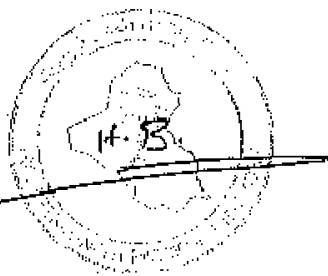
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations and has the honor to attach herewith an unofficial translation of a letter from Dr. Tarik Nejim Abd Allah, Director of the Office of the Prime Minister, dated 23 April 2007 addressed to Ms. Louise Arbour, High Commissioner for Human Rights, regarding the report prepared by the Human Rights Office of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 25 April 2007

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Ms. Louise Arbour
High Commissioner for Human Rights

The government of Iraq has taken note of the report prepared by the Human Rights Office of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI). However, despite the Iraqi government's commitment to the protection of human rights in Iraq and its consistent efforts to protect and preserve human dignity and value, and despite the appreciation of the government of Iraq for the considerable efforts made by the United Nations office in Iraq, the Iraqi government announces its reservations on the report and requests that the report is not published in its present form as it is not balanced and does not accurately reflect reality on the ground. It is the terrorist forces who are primarily responsible for the appalling violations of human rights in the country and they are exercising the most heinous crimes against the civilian population, the security forces, the Public Order Forces (Quwwat Hifh al-Nitham), and state employees. The government of Iraq is looking forward to a more constructive role for the United Nations in Iraq.

Please accept my highest consideration.

Dr. Tarik Nejim Abd Allah
Director of the Office of the Prime Minister
Baghdad 23 April 2007