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The Royal Danish Embassy in Baghdad presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq and kindly requests the Ministry to convey the following to the Iraqi Vice-president H.E. Tariq Al-Hashimi:

“The Royal Danish Embassy would like to refer to the pleasant conversation on 9 September 2009 between the Iraqi Vice-president H.E. Tariq Al-Hashimi and the Danish Ambassador to Iraq, in which the Vice-president recommended that Denmark temporarily postpone the enforced return of rejected Iraqi asylum seekers to Iraq.

Denmark acknowledges and welcomes the commitment of the Government of Iraq towards improving the situation for internally displaced persons and refugees in Iraq. Denmark also welcomes and appreciates the willingness to accept the return of Iraqi nationals who have no compelling needs for protection or humanitarian assistance justifying prolongation of their stay in Denmark, but who nevertheless continue to refuse to avail them of the option of voluntary return.

Denmark is very satisfied with the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding of 13 May 2009. Denmark would like to highlight the excellent cooperation between the competent authorities in Denmark and Iraq concerning the implementation of the agreement. Denmark attaches great importance to the continued implementation of the agreement.

Since June 2009 Denmark has returned 35 Iraqi nationals in accordance with the agreement. The return process has been orderly and the returnees have been treated humanely by the Danish Police. It should be noted that the Government of Denmark on several occasions has offered economic support upon voluntary return as well as reintegration assistance to the Iraqi nationals, who have no compelling needs for protection or humanitarian assistance justifying prolongation of their stay in Denmark.

Denmark stands ready to continue the close and fruitful dialogue with the Iraqi authorities in order to ensure the best possible reception and reintegration of the returnees. Denmark remains committed to support the Government of Iraq and to continue our dedicated engagement in the reconstruction and development of Iraq.”

The Royal Danish Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq the assurances of its highest consideration.

Baghdad, 16 September 2009



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