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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹

The present Memorandum of Understanding summarizes the results of the discussions held in Baghdad on 20-23 November 1991 with the Government of the Republic of Iraq during the mission of the Executive Delegate of the Secretary-General for the UN humanitarian programme for Iraq, Kuwait and the Iraq/Iran and Iraq/Turkey Border Areas, pursuant to paragraph 21 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 18 April 1991² by H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Iraq and the Executive Delegate.

The parties conducted a thorough joint review of the humanitarian operations carried out under the auspices of the office of the Executive Delegate in cooperation with the Government of Iraq over the past seven months. They noted that the overall context in which these activities were taking place has undergone significant changes. They further concluded that the Programme, carried out with the full support of the Iraqi authorities, has substantial achievements to its credit. This includes assisting the repatriation of large numbers of refugees from neighbouring countries, the majority of them to their homes and places of origin. Tangible results have also been attained in providing help to the most vulnerable groups throughout Iraq, thanks to resources donated by the international community in response to the successive appeals that have been issued by the Executive Delegate. These contributions have amounted to more than 290 million dollars, of which 249 million are either spent or obligated. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall constitute a self-contained agreement, and its implementation shall not be construed as having any relation with other measures not envisaged therein.

The parties have agreed as follows:

1. Both sides affirm the importance of the need to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to Iraq to alleviate the suffering of the affected Iraqi civilian population.
2. The Government of Iraq welcomes the efforts of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in providing humanitarian assistance and relief to the civilian population and undertakes to support and cooperate in those endeavours on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. For this purpose, the Government of Iraq agrees to cooperate with the United Nations to continue its humanitarian presence in Iraq, wherever such presence may be needed, and to facilitate it through the adoption of all necessary measures. This shall be ensured through the establishment of UN sub-offices and Humanitarian Centres (UNHUCs), in agreement and cooperation with the Government of Iraq.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1992, in accordance with paragraph 23.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1606, No. I-28034.