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Republic of IRAQ
Office of the Adviser at the Presidency

Baghdad, 12 October 2002

His Excellency Dr. Hans Blix
the respectful Executive Chairman of
UMMOVIC

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei
the respectful Director General of the IAEA

I refer to my previous letter dated on 10/10/2002.

First: Please do not misunderstand this letter as constituting an objection to your letter dated on 8/10/2002, but rather as an explanation of our understanding of what we agreed during the meeting in Vienna, and as confirming our acceptance of your report to the Security Council on 3/10/2002.

Second: We confirm our acceptance of what we agreed for the Practical Arrangements in Vienna on 30/09 and 1/10/2002, as set out in the joint press release of 1/10/2002 and confirmed in Mr. Hans Blix's report to the Security Council on 3/10/2002.

Third: Our understanding of the points raised in your letter that were not covered in the joint press release of 1/10/2002 or Mr. Hans Blix's report to the Security Council of 3/10/2002, is as follows:

- 1- Concerning the security of UNMOVIC and IAEA planes in the two no-fly zones, what was said in the joint press release on 1/10/2002 was an accurate reflection of the discussion. If however you prefer the language of your letter of 8/10/2002, we accept this.
- 2- Concerning the presidential sites, we have taken note of your letter.
- 3- Concerning interviews, we should like to continue to facilitate the two organizations' interviewing of Iraqi people to fill the gaps you consider that you have in your information, while protecting the legal rights of the Iraqi citizens.

Finally, we should like to reassure you that we are ready to welcome the UNMOVIC and IAEA team on 19/10/2002 as agreed in principle with you and that we are prepared to find solutions for any obstacles in a professional, constructive and positive spirit and to facilitate the work of UNMOVIC and the IAEA in discharging their mandate to confirm that Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction.

Please accept our consideration.

Dr. Amer Al-Saadi
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