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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the IAEA presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to enclose herewith the Non-Implementation of the IAEA Technical Assistance Programs to Iraq for the years 1999/2000, with the request that this paper be adopted as a document of the IAEA Board of Governors and to be circulated to all IAEA members.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the IAEA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Non-Implementation of the IAEA Technical Assistance Programs to Iraq for the years 1999/2000

- 1- Iraq has presented several projects to the IAEA in order to obtain its support within the frame of the Technical assistance programs for the years 1999/2000. The Technical Assistance Committee recommended these projects and were approved by the Board of Governors on 25 November, 1998, as they were in accordance with the UNSC resolutions related.
- 2- The projects have been classified as follows:
 - Four national projects which are:
 - A. Field Monitoring and rearing of Old World Screwworm (IRQ /5/016).
 - B. Radioimmunoassay kits for Thyroid Hormones (IRQ/2/008).
 - C. Induction of Mutations in Corps Through In-Vitro Culture.
 - D. Preparation of Sterilized Tissue Grafts.
 - Three regional Projects which are:
 - A. Screening of New-borns for Thyroid Deficiny.
 - B. Detection and Management of Cancer Using RIA.
 - C. Preparing to Combat the Old World Screwworm in West Asia.
- 3- On 25 January, 1999 the IAEA requested Committee 661 (S/AC.25/1999/COMM 5) permission to start implementing seven new projects, within the frame of Technical Assistance in Iraq after they have been approved by the Board of Governors and the IAEA action team which was formed in accordance with UNSC resolution 687/1991 has asserted that these projects were in accordance with item (3-F) / resolution 707/91.

- 4- On 29 July, 1999, the IAEA notified Iraq that committee (661) has conditioned the implementation of these projects until the return of the IAEA staff to Iraq according to the letter received from Committee on 8 June 1999, and this condition does not apply to the on-going projects which were approved on 1998.
- 5- Iraq requested the IAEA during the general Conference held on September, 1999, to start implementing these projects as they were to be implemented in the medical, agricultural and humanitarian fields, and I quote “ The IAEA has approved seven projects within the frame of Technical Assistance to be implemented in Iraq for the years 1999/2000, these projects were targeted to solve vital humane problems. On July 1999 the IAEA notified Iraq that Committee 661 has conditioned the implementation of these projects by the return of IAEA staff to Iraq. These projects have been agreed upon and approved by the related legitimate bodies as they came in accordance with the UNSC related resolution and were aimed to combat the old world screwworm in West Asia , to detect and manage cancer using RIA, and for screening of new-borns for Thyroid deficiency. In this respect we would like to explain that Iraq did not ask the IAEA Staff to leave and now there is in Iraq few of them still working. Their departure came in compliance with an order issued by UNSCOM Chairman as a preliminary step for the American-British aggression on Iraq on 16 December 1998. (End of quotation).
- 6- Iraq calls upon the IAEA and its Board of Governors to take a clear position in accordance with their mandate and the IAEA statute to implement the projects and not to permit Committee 661 to involve the IAEA into its political game.