



Security Council

Distr.: General
23 May 2007

Original: English

Letter dated 7 May 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1284 (1999), by which the Council established, as a subsidiary body of the Council, the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and to the related resolutions 687 (1991) and 706 (1991). I should also like to refer to a letter dated 19 February 2007 addressed to me by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq (see annex), requesting that €1,856,754 and \$694,771 of the balance in the UNMOVIC account be transferred to settle the arrears of the Government of Iraq to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and to meet its current obligation with respect to the regular, peacekeeping and capital master plan budgets and the budgets of the International Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia.

The above-mentioned figures have been revised to reflect the updated information received from UNIDO, and the intention of the Government of Iraq to choose option B with respect to its obligation to the capital master plan assessment.

Summary of the request for transfer

	With option A for the capital master plan (as requested)	With option B for the capital master plan* (adjusted figures)
UNIDO arrears	€1 856 754	€1 874 094
UNIDO arrears (United States dollar equivalent)	\$2 536 549	\$2 560 238
Current assessment for the regular, peacekeeping, capital master plan and International Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia budgets	<u>\$694 771</u>	<u>\$772 234</u>
Total to be transferred	\$3 231 320	\$3 332 472
Balance as at 31 December 2006	\$66 400 000	\$66 400 000
Balance if the transfers are effected	\$63 168 680	\$63 067 528

* Including assessment of \$257,505 for the capital master plan under option B.



The current balance in the UNMOVIC account stands at about \$66.4 million. Effecting the requested transfer (\$3,332,472) would leave a residual balance of about \$63.1 million in the UNMOVIC account.

The Council is requested to consider the request of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq and to indicate such action as it may require to be taken in response to this request.

(Signed) **Ban Ki-moon**

Annex**Letter dated 19 February 2007 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General**

[Original: Arabic]

Republic of Iraq
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Office of the Minister

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

Sir,

I write in reference to the letter dated 20 June 2005 (S/2005/406) from Mr. Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the President of the Security Council concerning agreement to the transfer of an amount from the 0.8 per cent credit account to cover Iraq's United Nations budget arrears.

On this occasion I should like to express to you once again our desire to pay Iraq's arrears to the budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) since 1991, amounting to 1,856,754 euros, as well as its dues in respect of peacekeeping, the international tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda and the capital master plan for renovation of the Headquarters buildings, totalling 694,771 dollars, out of the said credit account.

We trust that you will support this request so as to help the new Iraq move forward and to expedite its insertion into the international community and its honouring of its financial obligations towards international organizations so that it can develop areas of cooperation and put them to use in its scientific programmes for rebuilding the country's infrastructure.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
19 February 2007
