Letter dated 26 March 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to respond to your letter of 11 March 2008 (S/2008/205), in which you referred to Security Council resolution 1284 (1999), by which the mandate for the High-level Coordinator for missing Kuwaitis and third-country citizens and missing Kuwaiti property was established, and to related resolutions 687 (1991) and 706 (1991).

Members of the Council reiterate their continuing support for the important work of the High-level Coordinator.

I wish to inform you that the Security Council has decided to earmark US$ 225,000 from the operating reserves and fund balance of the 2.2 part of the Escrow Account intended for administration and operational costs to finance the continuation of the activities of the High-level Coordinator for a period of 12 months from the date of the appointment of the new High-level Coordinator.

The Security Council requests a comprehensive report, 12 months after the appointment, to include an update on progress during that period, as well as an assessment of the progress that might be achieved, including the conditions that would be necessary and a timescale for completion of the mandate.

(Signed) Vitaly I. Churkin
President of the Security Council