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Letter dated 19 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 18 September 2019 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Mohamed Ali Alhakim, conveying the wish of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to extend the mandate of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant for one year, until 21 September 2020 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and the annex thereto could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Hussein **Bahr Aluloom**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 19 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 18 September 2019 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

It gives me pleasure to convey to you the wish of the Government of the Republic of Iraq for an extension of the mandate granted by the Security Council to the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant for a one-year period, to end on 21 September 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 2379 (2017) and the conditions for jurisdiction provided for therein. I should like to inform you that Iraq will work with the members of the Security Council during the coming period of extension to make amendments to resolution 2379 (2017) and the relevant conditions of jurisdiction based on analysis by the competent authorities of the experience of working with the international Investigative Team during the previous period. That shall be done with full respect for the sovereignty, legal jurisdiction and legal system of Iraq, with a view to ensuring that Iraqi law is applied to crimes committed by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) organization against Iraqi civilians, and that coordination is conducted with the competent Iraqi authorities solely through the Steering Committee. The Team will continue to provide support and advice to promote accountability for crimes committed by the ISIL terrorist organization by collecting and storing evidence in Iraq. It will also develop and build national capacities, and provide technical assistance falling within its purview towards achieving the goal of creating a national staff specializing in collecting evidence, analysing it in accordance with accepted standards, and transferring it to Iraqi courts, with a view to strengthening and developing the legal and judicial system in order to see justice prevail, promote accountability for crimes committed by the ISIL organization in Iraq, and protect the rights of Iraqi victims.

(Signed) Mohamed Ali **Alhakim**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq
