



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 20 November 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Fuad Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, dated 18 November 2020, conveying the request of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to strengthen the role of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq to obtain more advice, support, technical assistance and electoral observation as part of its endeavour to support Iraq in this field (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the annexed letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council and circulated to all members.

I acknowledge the support Iraq has been receiving from the esteemed Council and am counting on the discourse of cooperation. Accordingly, I should be grateful if the present request would receive the support of the esteemed Council at the earliest opportunity.

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



**Annex to the letter dated 20 November 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Letter dated 18 November 2020 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq**

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, in cooperation with the international community, is continuing its efforts to meet various challenges, including the fight against terrorism, the return of displaced persons and reconstruction, the economic and financial crisis, and the crisis being created by the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is also striving to deliver on the pledges it has made to its people on implementing political and economic reform.

In that regard, the Government of the Republic of Iraq attaches great importance to holding free, fair, inclusive and credible elections. The Government has decided to set a date of 6 June 2021 for early elections. Holding those elections is one of the most important goals of the Government's programme.

In keeping with the importance it attaches to United Nations electoral support in ensuring transparency and election integrity, and in line with Security Council resolution [2522 \(2020\)](#), paragraph 2 (b) (i), which provides that the United Nations will advise, support and assist the Government of Iraq with elections, I have the honour to convey to you the request of the Government of the Republic of Iraq for the role of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) to be strengthened so that we can benefit from more advice, support, technical assistance and electoral observation.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq would be grateful if this request could be considered on an urgent basis so that it can begin working with the United Nations to achieve this goal.

In closing, allow me to note my gratitude for your tireless efforts to support my country's Government in its efforts to realize sustainable security, prosperity and stability for the people of Iraq.

*(Signed)* **Fuad Hussein**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq

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