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Letter dated 11 March 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolutions 687 (1991), 706 (1991) and 1284 (1999) as well as the Secretary-General's twenty-fifth report to the Security Council pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999).

I would like to inform the members of the Security Council that the activities undertaken under paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) have led to expenditures amounting to approximately US\$ 2 million to date over the period of eight years. The funds were provided through transfers from the Iraq Escrow Account.

As the members of the Council are aware, the mandate in paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) has not yet been fulfilled and the activities of the High-level Coordinator are expected to continue. In the light of this expectation, projections of the future resource requirements have been made. They exceed the currently allotted funds.

For the aforementioned activities to continue, it would be necessary to identify additional resources. It is suggested that funds in the amount of US\$ 900,000 be earmarked from the operating reserves and fund balance of the 2.2 per cent part of the Escrow Account intended for administration and operational costs. It is anticipated that this projected amount would support the activities under paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) for a four-year period, from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2011.

Should the Council agree with this proposal, the funds will be transferred within the Escrow Account and made available to the Department of Political Affairs, which backstops the activities of the High-level Coordinator.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Ban Ki-moon**

