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Attached are two press releases put out by the GC today, translated by Daniel.

GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESS RELEASES OF 20 AUGUST 2003

Unnumbered Press Release (original in Arabic only)

The Governing Council offers its condolences on the loss of Mr. Sergio de Mello, Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary General, the loss of Iraqi citizens, and that of international officials who were victims of the massive explosion August 19th that targeted the United Nations headquarters and the neighboring Ibn al-Qaf Hospital for the Handicapped.

The Governing Council condemns this terrorist act that targeted the people of Iraq and the entire international community, and affirms that the soil of Iraq will swallow those who perpetrated this reprehensible crime, be they followers of the former regime or terrorist elements who have infiltrated the borders. There will be no place for them among Iraqis enthusiastic to build the new Iraq. This dreadful incident will not prevent Iraq from achieving its democratic transformation, guaranteeing its security and safety of its people.

At this critical stage through which the Iraqi people are passing, the Governing Council calls on all sons of the Iraqi people to cooperate with the new Iraqi institutions concerned with guaranteeing security. The sons of this nation should assume the responsibility of preserving order and confronting all of the desperate attempts to violate the security of the country and expose its future to danger. This should take place by expanding the role of Iraqis in preserving order through the New Iraqi Army, the Iraqi Police Force, and the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps. This expansion will reflect the reality of the Iraqi people, and expresses its aspirations to build a secure, democratic, and stable Iraq.

The Iraqi people, determined to fight terrorism and establish a secure society in democracy and freedom, calls upon brotherly and friendly countries as well as the United Nations to play a positive role in supporting the people of Iraq and assist its efforts to achieve security and stability in Iraq.

The Governing Council reiterates that these repugnant and sick terrorist attacks will not impede its efforts to lead the process of democratic transformation, and hopes that these attacks will not impede the efforts of the United Nations in pursuing its effective, essential role in rebuilding the new Iraq.

Baghdad
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Press Release #39 (August 20, 2003; original in Arabic only)

The Electricity Situation

The Governing Council asked the Coalition Provisional Authority to convey its position regarding the status of the electrical generation system throughout Iraq. The Council requested that it be provided with details of the plan to expand electricity from its current level of 3,400 megawatts to its pre-war levels in two months. The Council similarly requested to be apprised by the Coalition Provisional Authority of the details of its actions to increase electrical capacity to 6,000 megawatts by July 1, 2004.