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February 10, 2004

FOR: THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Senior Advisor
Ministry of Displacement and Migration *JJ*

SUBJECT: Letter of Delegation of Authority for your signature.

Attached please find (1) a draft Voluntary Repatriation Agreement (VRA) between the Iraqi interim administration, the Government of Turkey and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and (2) a delegation that authorizes the Minister of Displacement and Migration to sign and implement the VRA.

- Under the VRA, the parties will establish the conditions necessary to allow the safe and orderly return of Turkish citizens living in Iraq to their former places of residence or any other places of their choice in Turkey.
 - For example, under the VRA, the Iraqis will retain responsibility for maintaining public order and safety in those areas where the repatriating refugees are living, transiting and traveling through to designated border crossings.
- The Secretary of State intends to provide a letter providing comfort to the Government of Turkey regarding U.S. support of the implementation of this agreement.
- The parties reached an understanding in principle during talks held January 20-22 in Ankara. The Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration's Assistant Secretary, Gene Dewey assisted with these negotiations. The attached version reflects changes necessary to finalize the agreement based on coordination with the relevant ministries, CJTF7, and PRM, and L at the State Department.
- We have confirmed with CJTF-7 that it is willing to play a cooperative role in assisting the return process.
- CJTF7 acknowledges the Ambassador's request for further information about the relationship between this effort and related initiatives, and will respond.

With this delegation, the VRA can be finalized with the other parties, executed and implemented.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the attached Letter of Delegation of Authority.

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Approve: Disapprove: Approve with modification:

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Agreement; Letter of Delegation of Authority

COORDINATION: General Counsel/Scott Castle - ok
CJTF7/Dr. Catherine Dale - ok



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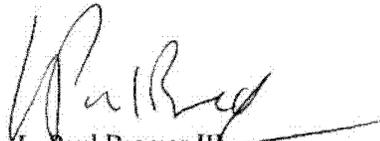
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Mohammed Jassim Khudayir, Interim Minister of Displacement
And Migration

Delegation of Authority

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and under the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions, including Resolutions 1483 and 1511 (2003), I hereby delegate to you the authority to sign, execute and oversee the implementation of a Voluntary Repatriation Agreement with the Government of Turkey and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which shall address, in a manner consistent in all material respects with the draft agreement appended hereto, the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of refugees from Turkey who currently reside in Iraq. The authority conferred under this agreement shall be exercised in coordination with the concerned Ministries, the Governing Council and the Commander, CJTF-7, as appropriate.

The authority conferred hereunder may not be further delegated, shall be effective on this date, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by me or at the direction of a fully sovereign transitional Iraqi administration, following the CPA's final transfer of governance authority to that administration.


L. Paul Bremer III
Administrator

