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**Letter dated 5 September 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 5 September 2023, from Fuad Hussein, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to you (see annex), regarding 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 (UNITAD), and the Head of Team, Christian Ritscher, for one year only and without the possibility of extension, until 12 September 2024.

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

(Signed) Abbas Kadhom Obaid **Al-Fatlawi**  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



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d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the  
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Letter dated 5 September 2023 from the Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister for Foreign Affairs addressed to the President of the  
Security Council**

It gives me pleasure to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that 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 (UNITAD), and to the Head of the Team, should be extended for a period of one year without the possibility of extension, ending on 12 September 2024, on the basis of Security Council resolution [2379 \(2017\)](#) and paragraph 2 of resolution [2651 \(2022\)](#). We emphasize that, during that period, the Investigative Team must turn over all evidence that it obtained in Iraq from the time that it began fulfilling its mandate in 2017, including witness testimony and information related to enhanced evidence detection and analysis and to the use of technology, with a view to promoting national accountability in Iraq for members of Da'esh and those who provided assistance and financing to this terrorist organization. It must also provide information related to the use of artificial intelligence for enhancing detection of evidence, as well any other evidence that is important to promoting national accountability in Iraq for members of Da'esh and those who provided assistance and financing to this terrorist organization. In addition, the Investigative Team should liquidate its administrative and technical assets in all governorates of Iraq.

The Government of Iraq requests the Investigative Team not to share evidence with third countries during this period and to disclose to the Government the nature of the evidence that the Investigative Team has shared with third countries, so that the Government can consider such evidence with those countries in order to promote national and international efforts to prosecute the perpetrators and deny them safe haven. The Government of Iraq furthermore requests, as matter of emphasis, that the Investigative Team submit a final report containing a review of the implementation of these paragraphs.

We should like to take this opportunity to express our great thanks to UNITAD, which was established at the request of Iraq, and its Head for the considerable efforts that they have made.

*(Signed)* Fuad Mohammad **Hussein**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs

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