



Security Council

Distr.: General
22 March 2007

Original: English

Letter dated 15 March 2007 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached report from Iraq submitted pursuant to resolution 1624 (2005) (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ricardo Alberto **Arias**
Chairman

Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism



Annex

Note verbale dated 14 March 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Committee and, with reference to his letter dated 3 May 2006, has the honour to enclose herewith information provided by the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior regarding Iraq's implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) on additional measures to combat terrorism (see enclosure).

Enclosure

[Original: Arabic]

List of steps taken

1. Steps taken by the National Investigation and Information Under-Secretariat, Directorate of Information, in connection with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 1624 (2006):

(a) Encouragement of security and intelligence personnel at border-crossing points to be on the watch for terrorist elements and persons wanted by the judicial authorities;

(b) Creation of a new office of information at Baghdad International Airport for the same purpose mentioned above;

(c) Participation in the entry of the names of suspected individuals and persons wanted by the judicial authorities in the computers of the Passport Directorate, together with any information pertaining to them;

(d) Monitoring of persons entering the country by the Entry Visa Unit subordinate to our Under-Secretariat, which coordinates its operation with the Residence Directorate, so that we are furnished full particulars on persons entering and they can be kept in view by the monitoring division of our Under-Secretariat;

(e) Security information pertaining to terrorist elements is exchanged with neighbouring countries and other States;

(f) Cooperation and coordination are engaged in with the security authorities of all other countries to assist in the apprehension of terrorist elements and persons wanted by the judicial authorities;

(g) Media consciousness-raising shall be carried out through a declaration on freedom of religion, multiplicity of doctrines and cultural freedom broadcast via the visual media, satellite channels and Internet sites.

2. Steps taken by the Arab and International Police Directorate in connection with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 1624 (2006):

(a) Our Directorate works in coordination with the General Secretariat of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) and Interpol Bureaus in countries all over the world, gathering and exchanging information on Arab and non-Arab terrorists operating in Iraqi territory by means of an integrated special project comprising detailed information on all currently available indicators concerning terrorist groups, their operating methods and related financing sources and movements, known as the FNLJ programme;

(b) Our Directorate also dealt with details pertaining to terrorist leaders of terrorist groups and organizations, such as Abu Mus`ab al-Zarqawi, Abu Qudamah, Omar al-Farouq and others, after their veracity was confirmed by our competent authorities, and forwarded them to the General Secretariat of Interpol in Lyon, France, on 12 and 13 December 2006.

3. Steps taken by the Directorate of Border-crossing Points, Legal Department, in connection with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 1624 (2006):

(a) Thorough inspection of travellers' passports, both on arrival and on departure, by an officer of the Residence and Passports Division, and checking of the personal particulars contained in the passport against the databases of the Baghdad International Airport and Basra International Airport stations of the National Intelligence Service; also, several-stage checking of passengers' luggage by means of police dogs and manual and X-ray inspection to prevent the entry and smuggling of weapons and explosives by either departing or arriving individuals, whose luggage is also subjected to inspection by police and customs employees;

(b) Constant meetings and follow-up with officers and associates to reconfirm intensive inspection, monitoring and precautions, and also follow-up of travel bans received by us from residence and passport centres at our border-crossing points.

4. Steps taken by the Under-Secretariat of Police Affairs, Directorate of Criminal Investigation, in connection with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 1624 (2006):

(a) Development of checkpoints within the Directorate and securing of equipment capable of detecting falsification of documents used by travellers;

(b) Strengthening of procedures relating to the detection of terrorists by providing lie detectors for checkpoints as well as security departments whose work requires such equipment;

Remark concerning paragraph 2

(c) Urgent action to hold periodic conferences with neighbouring countries with a view to strengthening security cooperation aimed at preventing the entry of terrorist elements from any of those countries into any other;

(d) Holding of Interpol conferences with a view to familiarization with recent developments in international police work and the equipment employed in that work.
