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Republic of Iraq

General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers

Council of Ministers
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In order to prepare for, and secure, and facilitate the voluntary repatriation of the displaced Iraqis to their original homes and; in order to alleviate their burdens and suffering, and secure their living, social and health conditions in a direct and transparent manner, in an encouraging operational measures, deemed as one of the priorities set by the elected Iraqi government which is sincerely working to find fundamental and appropriate solutions for the issues and problems of the displaced and the forcibly displaced families, aiming to achieve the national reconciliation, and to consolidate the unity of Iraqi society, and to enforce the rule of law and order in light of the improving security, political and economic situation.

The Council of Ministers in his thirtieth ordinary session held on 13/7/2008 and after viewing the results of the joint meeting chaired by HE the PM and attended by the Minister of Displacement and Migration, and the Parliamentarian IDPs and Migrants committee, the CoM decided to approve the recommendations of the Ministry of Displacement and Migration as raised in its letter 1/1/MO/782 dated 24/6/2008, as follows:

- I. Continue to grant the amount of Iraqi Dinars (150,000) on monthly basis to each IDP family remaining in displacement, with a cut-off date on 1/1/2008, for three consecutive months. The number of displaced families is around (120,000 one hundred twenty thousand) including the IDPs in Iraq Kurdistan region.

- II. Families returning from internal displacement to their places of origin inside Iraq are covered with the (1) one million Iraqi Dinars grant for each family, provided that their displacement record will be written-off.
- III. Families returning from neighbouring countries are covered with the grant in mentioned in para (II) above, and in accordance with the regulations set by the Ministry of Displacement and Migration; it will include families who have stayed in the countries in subject for a period between 8 to 12 months, provided that their displacement record will be written-off for all members of the family.
- IV. Families returning from Iraq Kurdistan region is covered with grant mentioned in para (II) above, as per lists and similarly to other governorates. The estimated total number of displaced families is around (35,000) thirty five thousand families.
- V. Granting rent assistance for six months at (300,000) three hundred thousand Iraqi Dinars per month for displaced families who are occupying houses of other returning displaced families exclusively to the Capital city “Baghdad” in return for the vacating these houses, in accordance with regulations set by the Ministry of Displacement and Migration with other relevant authorities.

Signed by
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Council of Ministers
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