



**Response by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the allegations made by the representative of the United States against Iran in the Security Council's meeting on Iraq on 13 June 2008**

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

I wish to inform you and the other members of the Security Council that my delegation rejects the groundless allegations made against Iran by the representative of the US in today's meeting of the Council.

Iran has been unambiguous in its condemnation of all acts of violence and terrorism in Iraq. As we have stated in the past, our country has itself been subject to terrorism and suffered from terrorist acts committed in and originated from Iraq, due to the tacit and explicit support extended by the US government to certain terrorist groups stationed and operating in Iraq.

Iran's best interest lies in a democratic, secure, stable and prosperous Iraq at peace with itself and with its neighbors. Whereas Iran has been unwavering in its support for the Iraqi Government to bring about stability, security and development to the country, and has proved, time and again, its good intention to help Iraqi people and Government overcome their immense difficulties, the US government unwarrantedly insists on such unfounded and indeed tired allegations, thus obfuscating the real sources of the problems in Iraq. To date no single evidence has been presented to substantiate these allegations. To the contrary, several high ranking Iraqi officials are on record, stressing Iran's constructive role in the country and rejecting the said allegations.

In our view the said move by the US representative to raise these allegations is aimed to distract the international community's attention from the real causes of the problems in Iraq that is the continuation of the presence of foreign forces in the country and certain wrong policies and practices on their part.

We are enjoying deep and brotherly relations with Iraq; relations that have been even further strengthened by the recent high level visits of the officials of the two countries, including the recent visit paid by H.E. Prime Minister Maleki to Iran and also our President's visit to Iraq in March 2008.

Undoubtedly, as the people of Iraq continue on their journey towards peace, security and development, they will always find us behind them offering our unreserved support and sincere cooperation.