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The Security Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the ongoing cooperation between Iraq and Kuwait on the return of Kuwaiti property and the National Archives, and the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains (“missing persons and property”), in particular *recalling* resolutions [2107 \(2013\)](#) and [2732 \(2024\)](#), and *underlining* the humanitarian nature of these efforts,

Recalling its intention to review the modalities of the reporting on the missing persons and property as set out in operative paragraph 4 of resolution [2107 \(2013\)](#),

Recalling its request of the Secretary-General to make recommendations to the Council for an appropriate follow-on mechanism by 31 May 2025 to support continued progress should the return of the missing persons and property not be resolved upon termination of UNAMI’s mandate on 31 December 2025,

Underlining the humanitarian importance of allowing families to know the fate and whereabouts of their missing relatives, consistent with applicable international humanitarian law and relevant resolutions on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, including resolution [2474 \(2019\)](#),

Recognizing Iraq’s contribution to regional security and prosperity and *welcoming* and *encouraging* Iraq’s continued demonstration of its commitment to fulfilling its obligations in the search for missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals within the framework of the Tripartite Commission and its Technical Subcommittee under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC),

Welcoming the commitment of Iraq to post-conflict reconciliation, *recognizing* Iraq and Kuwait’s expertise in the field of missing persons and *underscoring* the valuable international contribution Iraq and Kuwait can both play in sharing this expertise and experience in other post-conflict contexts, in a manner that aligns with the spirit of Security Council resolution [2474 \(2019\)](#), which encourages the exchange of best practices and the strengthening of cooperation in addressing the humanitarian dimensions of this issue,

Noting Option (a) of the Secretary-General’s recommendations (as contained in document [S/2025/320](#)) pursuant to Security Council Resolution [2732 \(2024\)](#) that the Security Council may request the appointment of a Senior Representative as an appropriate follow-on mechanism to promote, support, and facilitate efforts regarding the repatriation or return of Kuwaiti missing persons and property,



Highlighting the great scientific and technological progress which has significantly increased the efficacy of the search for and identification of missing persons and *encouraging* Member States, particularly those with relevant information or technical capabilities, to provide assistance to the Senior Representative and the concerned parties including through providing access and additional funding and training for, inter alia, forensic sciences, DNA analysis, satellite maps and imagery, and ground penetrating radar, and *welcoming*, in this regard, capacity-building on innovative technologies and the sharing of lessons learned, for example the training workshop for technical experts and decision makers from Iraq and Kuwait, conducted in Nicosia by the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP) in 2024,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Senior Representative whose mandate will solely focus on promoting, supporting and facilitating efforts regarding the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains, and the return of Kuwaiti property, including the national archives;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed of progress by 31 March 2026, and every six months thereafter, and to suggest, as appropriate, in such updates his assessment of what could be conducive to encouraging further progress, and to make available his good offices to strengthen confidence and mutual trust between Iraq and Kuwait on missing persons and property;

3. *Encourages* continued efforts, with the support of the Senior Representative and the International Committee of the Red Cross, on this matter, including through excavation of all sites of interest and making use of technology advances and UN support;

4. *Underlines* that the Security Council will consider the continued need for United Nations oversight on missing persons and property not later than 31 December 2030, or sooner in the event of sufficient progress, and in that regard, expresses its intention to review the situation no later than 30 June 2028 on the basis of the good faith efforts made by all stakeholders and the Secretary-General's assessment of progress and determination to resolve this issue, and *notes* in this regard that if the fates of all the missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals have not been determined by 31 December 2030, Iraq commits to continue to address the search for any remaining missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals through all appropriate channels.
