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Identical letters dated 22 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 20 February 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 22 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on Thursday, 20 February 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

Group I

A group of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Izz State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, in the Taji area 10 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group verified the buildings and their various floors against the maps they had with them. The group concluded its mission, which lasted two and a half hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, comprising seven inspectors, left Rashid airfield on board a helicopter at 8.40 a.m. Because of the bad weather conditions, the mission was cancelled and the group returned to Rashid airfield.

Group III

A group of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. and went to the Samoud site of the Karamah State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, in the Abu Ghurayb area. The group inspected the site and examined the flow-forming machine, asking when the machine had been moved to the site and what its purpose was. They also examined the technical details of the machine. The group then went to the Ibn al-Haytham site belonging to the Karamah State Company in the Taji area. The group examined the new flow-forming machine, asking about the date on which the machine had been received, the place where it had been installed and the supplier. After that, the group went to the Shaykhali warehouses which belong to the Iraqi Atomic Energy Organization in the Tuwaythah area. The group inspected one of the warehouses from which it took two aluminium tubes. The inspection process lasted three and a half hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group IV

A fourth group, comprising three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. and used a device carried on a vehicle to make a radiation survey of several companies, offices and military units in the Nahrawan area, and of the Bassel State Company, the 7 Nisan State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, and the truck repair division of the Oil Products Distribution Company. The group concluded its mission, which lasted three hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

A group of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. and went to the Quds factory of the Karamah State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group convened a meeting with officials of the factory and asked about the type of guidance systems used on the Samoud missile, the method of assembly of the guidance systems, and the number of missiles on which the guidance systems were used. The group then inspected the buildings of the factory, made an inventory of the guidance systems present there, and verified the tagged equipment. The group concluded its mission, which lasted three hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, comprising four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Ishaqi site which belongs to the Ministry of Defence 55 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group placed stickers on the missiles present at the site. The group concluded its mission, which lasted four hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group III

A third group of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Samoud factory and the Ibn al-Haytham factory, both of which belong to the Karamah State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group inspected the stickers in the Samoud factory and placed stickers on a machine that had been idle for 10 years in the Ibn al-Haytham factory. The group concluded its mission, which lasted four hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group IV

A fourth group, comprising three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Ibn al-Haytham site of the Karamah State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group interviewed officials at the site, asking for details of the subsystems of the Samoud missile, inspected the workshops at the site and looked at the principal components of the Samoud missile. The group concluded its mission, which lasted five hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group V

A group of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the headquarters of the Karamah State Company and to the Samoud site, which belongs to that company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group placed stickers on the machines present in the company's headquarters and asked officials of the company about the number of warheads manufactured there. It then went to the Samoud factory and asked about the testing of the turbine pump system of the Samoud's engine. The group concluded its mission, which lasted three hours, and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

A group of five inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 10 a.m. and went to the A'ilah detergent production plant in the Karamah area, 40 kilometres west of Baghdad. The team met one of the employees at the plant and asked about the number of employees, the number of holders of higher education degrees, how detergent materials were obtained and the production capacity. The team inspected the administration of the plant, the sulphonic acid production unit, the sulphur store, the bottle manufacturing unit and the scrapyard, and used an X-ray metal detection device. The team concluded its mission, which lasted an hour and a quarter and then returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

At 10 a.m., a helicopter with five inspectors on board took off from Rashid airfield. It surveyed the Abu Ghurayb area including the College of Agriculture, the State Crop Protection Board, the potato warehouses, and the Kindi Veterinary Vaccine Company. The survey of the areas took 15 minutes after which the group went to the Saddam State Company in the Amiriyah Fallujah area and spent 10 minutes surveying the area. At the end of the survey mission, which lasted two hours, the aircraft returned to Rashid airfield.

Group II

At 9.30 a.m., a helicopter with four inspectors on board took off from Rashid airfield and went to the Alcoholic Beverages Factory in Misan. The group inspected the Maruk Beer Production Plant, checking the stickers that were affixed to the equipment. The group concluded its mission, which lasted one and a half hours, and then boarded the aircraft and flew to Basra International Airport where the group landed and spent the night.

Group III

At 10.20 a.m., a helicopter took off from Rashid airfield with two inspectors on board and went to the Balad area. The inspectors photographed the Bakr airbase and adjacent areas. At the end of the reconnaissance mission, which lasted 50 minutes, the aircraft returned to Rashid airfield.

V. U-2 surveillance aircraft

On this day a U-2 surveillance aircraft entered Iraqi airspace at 9.55 a.m. and made a reconnaissance of numerous areas in Iraq. The aircraft left Iraqi airspace at 4.25 p.m. The reconnaissance operation lasted six hours and 20 minutes.

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