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## Note verbale dated 2 September 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council for September 2010 and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 August 2010 (see annex) from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna as incumbent Chairman of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation, Florence Mangin, which indicates that Iraq is a good example for countries that have not acceded to the Code.

The Permanent Mission of Iraq also has the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.





## Annex to the note verbale dated 2 September 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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The Republic of Iraq announced officially on 11 August 2010 that it had subscribed to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC). Having the honour to serve as HCOC Chair this year, on behalf of France, I should like to congratulate you for this action and to thank you for your support in its realization.

This is a particularly important decision for your country and for the international community as a whole, because it contributes directly to the enhancement of collective security.

By becoming the 131st State to subscribe to the Code, the Republic of Iraq also serves as a good example for other States that have not yet subscribed to a multilateral instrument whose universal adoption is a major priority for its full effectiveness.

I am pleased to see that the Republic of Iraq will now be applying and benefiting from the confidence-building and transparency measures promoted by the Code of Conduct in the area of missile proliferation. I look forward to seeing you during the upcoming HCOC activities in Vienna.

(Signed) Florence Mangin