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The Regional Committee,

EXTENDS to His Excellency Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq, its sincere gratitude for the warm welcome received on the occasion of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean held in Baghdad;

EXPRESSES its great admiration for the cultural awakening and progress made in all facets of national development in Iraq, especially noting the integration of the primary health care approach and services into every aspect of socio-economic development under His Excellency's especial guidance;

FURTHER EXPRESSES its hope for a speedy conclusion to the present state of armed conflict, commending His Excellency on his acceptance of the United Nations Security Council resolution No.598, which lays the foundation for a just peace, so vital to continued improvement in the health and socio-economic status of the Iraqi people and, indeed, of the region as a whole;

ALSO EXTENDS to the Government of Iraq and the Ministry of Health its sincere thanks for the generous hospitality afforded to the visiting national delegations and the WHO Secretariat and for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal, which secured the success of the Session.