

International Advisory and Monitoring Board

Minutes of the meeting held at the World Bank Offices in Paris, France on 1 and 2 November 2007.

The following members of the IAMB were present:

Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development: Mr. Khalifa Ali Dau, Senior Financial Advisor

International Monetary Fund: Mr. Bert E. Keuppens, Director of Internal Audit

Government of Iraq : Adviser, Ministry of Finance

United Nations: Mr. Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller

World Bank: Mr. Fayezul Choudhury, Vice-President and Controller

Also in attendance were the following:

International Monetary Fund:

Mr. Chris Hemus, Alternate Member

Ms. Mary Hoare, Officer, IMF Finance Department

United Nations:

Mr. Jayantilal Karia, Alternate Member

Mr. Moses Bamuwanye, Financial Management Officer

Government of Iraq:

Alternate Member, Chartered Accountant/Auditor

President, Board of Supreme Audit (BSA)

Invitees from the United States Department of State

Mr. Nitin Chadda

Mr. Joshua Volz

1. The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Choudhury.
2. The IAMB met in Paris to continue its oversight responsibilities of the DFI.
3. The agenda for the meeting was unanimously adopted in the executive session.

IAMB Final Report¹

4. The IAMB discussed a draft of a possible final report, and agreed on most of the issues including the presentation and treatment of export sales. It was agreed that this matter be reviewed further.

¹ The IAMB final report was discussed in the context of the fact that the mandate of the IAMB would end as at December 31 2007. Pursuant to UNSCR 1790 (2007), however this mandate has been extended until December 31 2008 thus rendering this agenda item moot.

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Ernst & Young Interim Report

5. The IAMB was briefed on the interim audit report by Ernst & Young.
6. The report continued to be critical of the controls in the spending ministries as well as the extraction and export of the oil resources.

The Committee of Financial Experts

7. The IAMB was also briefed by the head of the Committee of Financial Experts (COFE) on their operations. COFE is expected to succeed the IAMB at the end of its mandate.
8. The IAMB recognized the important role of the COFE. One of the members indicated that this role is so important that it should be ratified by parliament as opposed to the Council of Ministers that created it.
9. The IAMB agreed to review this matter further.

Other Matters

10. The IAMB affirmed the earlier agreement to hold the last meeting at the UN and to hold a press conference after the meeting.²

² In view of the extension of the IAMB Mandate, this was postponed to a future date.