## OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY BAGHDAD, IRAQ

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## REGARDING THE STATUS OF COALITION, FOREIGN LIAISON AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

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The Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) herby advises all citizens, residents of, and visitors to Iraq of the status of Coalition, Foreign Liaison and contractor personnel.

In accordance with international law, the CPA, Coalition Forces and the military and civilian personnel accompanying them, are not subject to local law or the jurisdiction of local courts. With regard to criminal, civil, administrative or other legal process, they will remain subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the State contributing them to the Coalition. A mechanism exists for this immunity and jurisdiction to be waived by the State contributing the personnel to the Coalition at their discretion.

Foreign Liaison Missions and their personnel enjoy immunity from Iraqi legal proceedings, but are subject to the CPA's jurisdiction. Coalition contractors who are not normally resident in Iraq may be subject to the CPA's or Iraq's jurisdiction, as authorized by the Administrator. Additionally, some of the administrative regulations regarding contractors will not apply to their contracts with the Coalition.

The immunities provided will <u>not</u> prevent legal proceedings against Coalition personnel for unlawful acts they may commit. It simply ensures that such proceedings will be undertaken in accordance with the laws of the State that contributed the personnel to the Coalition. Furthermore, the immunity will only apply to acts or omissions during the authority of the CPA within Iraq.