

COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY ORDER NUMBER 32

LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1483 (2003),

Recognizing that international litigation, claims and arbitrations involving the Government of Iraq and its agencies, instrumentalities and companies continue;

Noting that these cases may result in significant adverse judgments, decisions or awards draining the resources of the people of Iraq, or in judgments or awards vindicating their claims or defenses;

Recalling that the Legal Department of the Office of the Council of Ministers managed these cases in the former regime;

Acknowledging that the Legal Department of the Office of the Council of Ministers can continue this task with the appropriate support from the Ministry of Justice;

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1 Purpose

This Order transfers the entity responsible for management of international litigation, claims and arbitrations involving the Government of Iraq and its governmental agencies, instrumentalities and companies from the previous regime's Office of the Council of Ministers to the Ministry of Justice. This action is necessary to, among other things, preserve rights and respond to judicial actions in foreign courts, international arbitrations, claims and other proceedings.

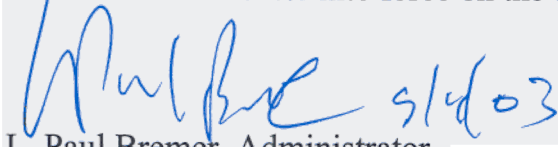
Section 2 Transfer of Responsibility

- 1) The Legal Department of the Office of the Council of Ministers, its personnel and all of its authorities and responsibilities shall be transferred to the Ministry of Justice. It shall be renamed the Legal Department of the Ministry of Justice and shall be headed by a Director General. Upon completion of the transfer, the Legal Department will begin the task of resuming the management of the international litigation, claims and arbitrations described in this Order.

- 2) The Ministry of Justice shall accept the Legal Department's current personnel and provide them with salaries and benefits commensurate with their positions and experience at the Office of the Council of Ministers, including any such salaries and benefits due since June 30, 2003.
- 3) The Legal Department, acting in coordination with the CPA, shall be responsible for managing international litigation, claims, and arbitrations, involving the Government of Iraq and its governmental agencies, instrumentalities and companies. The Minister of Justice may assign additional responsibilities to the Legal Department, provided that such responsibilities do not disrupt its principal task set forth herein.

Section 3
Entry into Force

This Order shall enter into force on the date of signature.



L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority