



August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Mr. Paolo Lembo  
Country Director  
UNDP Iraq Office

Dear Mr. Lembo,

Further to the a meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, with Mr. Elballa Hagona, your deputy, and with Ms. Miho Kishitani, Country Representative for Iraq, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), I was asked by Mr. Hagona to issue an endorsement letter about my explanation concerning what EOJ in Iraq had explained to MOPDC (Dr. Faik Rasool) regarding the rationality of selecting PWJ and the fact that the consent of the Ministry had been acquired to select PWJ as the implementing partner of the Halabja Hospital Project, to guarantee UNDP its accountability against ISRB on an issue raised at June ISRB meeting.

This is the endorsement letter.

After the ISRB meeting, Mr. Nakamaé, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Iraq explained to Dr. Faik Rasool, Senior Advisor to the Minister, MOPDC, whose minister is chairing the ISRB, about Japan's stance on mobilizing NGO through our Official Development Assistance, pursuant to Prime Minister Abe's policy statement to the Diet. Minister Nakamaé also briefed about the PWJ's work experience in Kurdistan Region and collaboration history with Government of Japan. Building upon these, Dr. Rasool showed consent on assigning PWJ as an implementing partner for the project.

I wish UNDP can pursue, with this letter, smooth implementation of the project without obstacles and delays.

I would like to thank UNDP Iraq Office for its strong support and steady effort to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Iraq.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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First Secretary  
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