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The Governing Council,

Recognizing the significant improvement in security conditions and increasing political stability, culminating in the formation of a national consensus Government that is moving robustly towards achieving adequate and appropriate housing for all Iraqis, especially the poor, slum-dwellers residents and those lacking shelter,

Noting that securing adequate and appropriate housing, including for displaced and returnee populations, is a vital factor in securing social stability,

Welcoming and recognizing that, given that poor people in Iraq account for 23 per cent of the total population and that most of those people lack adequate housing, the Government of Iraq has recently endorsed pro-poor housing initiatives by allocating a portion of the federal national budget each year from 2012,

Expressing appreciation for the significant assistance and cooperation furnished by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in preparing a national housing policy in Iraq that took into consideration several issues and dimensions, including the highly significant shortage of housing units, currently estimated to number 2 million,

Recognizing that the Government of Iraq approved and endorsed the national housing policy on 2 November 2010, thereby obliging all related sectoral ministries to support the implementation of the policy, including the component regarding pro-poor housing that is also further emphasized by the national development plan for the period 2010–2014,

Recognizing also the endeavours of the Government of Iraq in the general area of housing and, specifically, pro-poor housing,

1. *Strongly encourages* the Executive Director to secure technical assistance to support housing and pro-poor housing initiatives in all stages of planning and implementation and to secure capacity-building in the fields of project management and provision of infrastructure;
2. *Calls upon* all member States in a position to do so and international institutions to support the projects in Iraq throughout their duration.