

vi) Iraq

The EU and Canada look forward to the International Conference on Iraq which will take place in Brussels on June 21-22 and which will provide a forum for the Iraqi Transitional Government to present its priorities, vision and strategies for the transition period in the three fields outlined in UNSCR 1546: the political process, economic challenges and reconstruction, issues related to the rule of law and public order. We welcome this opportunity for the international community to express its support for the Iraqi Transitional Government and its institutions.

We are confident that the Brussels conference will generate positive momentum for the crucial months ahead, as Iraq moves forward with the drafting of a constitution and election of a constitutional government. Reconstruction is another essential element of a stable and democratic Iraq. Both the EU and Canada agree on the need to make the multilateral reconstruction channels more effective, to enhance donor coordination, to bring a strong Iraqi voice to bear on determining reconstruction priorities, and to encourage a broader base of contributions. The Brussels conference as well as the forthcoming meeting of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq will be important opportunities to promote these principles.

vii) Haiti

Canada, the EU and Member States are making important contributions in aid, including through joint projects, and police and military personnel to the UN mission to help re-establish security and stability and foster long-term reform and reconstruction in Haiti. We are concerned, however, by the deteriorating security situation on the ground, and believe that it is imperative that the UN security presence be strengthened, particularly in this critical period leading up to the elections this fall. We agreed today that we are committed to remaining involved in Haiti over the long term and are determined to help Haiti hold elections in the fall as planned and establish strong democratic governance. It is however essential that the disbursement of pledges made by members of the international community at the July 2004 Washington conference be made in a timely manner.

viii) Burma/Myanmar

With this day marking the 60th birthday of Burma's pre-eminent champion of democracy and Nobel Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Canada and the EU call for her immediate release, together with all political prisoners in Burma/Myanmar. We also call on the government to enter into a genuine dialogue with all parties concerned, in particular the National League for Democracy and ethnic representatives, with the aim of reaching a lasting political solution to the situation in Burma/Myanmar. We express strong concern about the continued lack of genuine progress toward respect for human rights in Burma/Myanmar.

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