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Excellency,

On the occasion of Chile's Independence Day, the Iraqi National Congress wishes to express its admiration and affection for the people of Chile.

Your nation's firm stand against Saddam Hussein's dictatorship is critical to our fight to restore democracy and the rule of law to Iraq.

Saddam's continued defiance of the United Nations Security Council resolutions has caused the Iraqi people unprecedented hardship. His relentless pursuit of weapons of mass destruction has squandered Iraq's wealth, threatened the peace and security of the region and made Iraq a pariah among nations. We support United Nations efforts to dismantle Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. The international community must punish Saddam, not the Iraqi people, for his violation of Security Council resolutions.

We also wish to bring to your government's attention that Security Council Resolution 688(1991) demands that Saddam end state-sponsored human rights violations in Iraq. Despite this obligation, the regime's terror continues. The 19 February, 1993 Report of the Special Rapporteur for Iraq of the United Nations Human Rights Commission states, "The Special Rapporteur does not hesitate to conclude that there have been and continue to be human rights violations of the gravest nature and on a massive scale... [I]t would be difficult to imagine how the present Government, which relies so heavily on fear and crushes potential opposition to secure its power, could institute changes which would bring it somewhat closer to compliance with international obligations."

As Chile celebrates this special holiday, the Iraqi National Congress asks that you not forget the struggle of the people of Iraq. Use your voice in international fora to demand the strict enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 688.

Two years ago, the Iraqi Popular Uprising was a clear manifestation of our people's rejection of the Saddam regime. The Iraqi National Congress is committed to the expression of this popular will though the establishment of a constitutional, parliamentary and democratic government. The continuing support of the people of Chile is essential to our struggle for a new government based upon justice and the rule of law.

Having faith in your support for a free and stable Iraq, which is in the interest of Chile and all the world, respectfully,

For the Iraqi National Congress,

Ahmad Chalabi
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President, Executive Council