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Dear Mr. Mohaddessin,

Following several meetings and telephone conversations and in response to your questions concerning the residents of Camp Ashraf and the recent statements regarding their expulsion, extradition or prosecution, we reiterate once again the position of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

The ICRC is in direct contact with the relevant authorities on the issue of the PMOI members in Camp Ashraf, Iraq, and repeatedly reminds them of their obligation to act in accordance with the principle of non-refoulement, when transferring persons to another State or authority. The ICRC has made clear that the residents of Camp Ashraf must not be deported, expelled or repatriated in violation of above-mentioned principle or displaced inside Iraq in violation of the relevant provisions of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

The ICRC considers the situation in Iraq to be a non international armed conflict and reminds the parties to the conflict of their obligation to respect the applicable provisions of IHL (common article 3 of the Geneva Conventions and the rules of Customary International Law applicable in non international armed conflict). Concerning reports of prosecution of the residents of Ashraf, the ICRC reminds the parties of their obligations in accordance with International Law.

The ICRC will continue to monitor the situation and pursue its contacts with the relevant authorities to remind them that the principles of International Law have to be respected with regard to the residents of Camp Ashraf.

Sincerely yours,

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