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Biographical Note

SECRETARY-GENERAL APPOINTS CHRISTINE MCNAB OF SWEDEN

AS DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR IRAQ

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Christine McNab of Sweden as his Deputy Special Representative for Iraq. Ms. McNab will head the Development and Humanitarian Support component of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI). Ms. McNab will also serve as the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq. She will replace David Shearer. The Secretary-General is grateful for Mr. Shearer's leadership and contribution to improved coordination of the United Nations system in Iraq.

Ms. McNab will bring with her a wealth of experience in development cooperation from her work in bilateral and multilateral agencies with partners from Government, State institutions, civil society, and the private sector. Her experience has, in particular, focused on public sector reform, democratic governance and capacity development in support of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Ms. McNab currently serves as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative and United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She held a similar position from 2002 to 2006 as United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Jordan.

Before joining UNDP in 2001, Ms. McNab was the head of the Swedish development programmes in the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, respectively, and had earlier served as a Senior Advisor on education and training for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Born in 1948, Ms. McNab holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and social anthropology from the University of Wales, and a doctorate in international and comparative education from the University of Stockholm. She is married and has two children.

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