Final report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2335 (2016)

I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2335 (2016), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to provide a final report three months after the transfer, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the resolution, of any funds remaining in the escrow accounts authorized in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of resolution 1958 (2010) to the Government of Iraq, unless otherwise authorized by the Council.

II. Administrative escrow account

2. The activities undertaken and funded as outlined in paragraph 4 of resolution 1958 (2010) from 1 January to 30 September 2017 have led to expenditure amounting to $591,208 for the activities relating to the orderly termination of the residual activities of the oil-for-food programme.

3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 2335 (2016), the remaining funds in the administrative escrow account, in the amount of $14,283,565, have been transferred to the Government of Iraq.

III. Indemnification escrow account

4. No expenditure has been incurred in respect of the amount referred to in paragraph 5 of resolution 1958 (2010).

5. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 2335 (2016), the remaining funds in the indemnification escrow account, in the amount of $138,424,160, including interest, have been transferred to the Government of Iraq.

IV. Conclusion of implementing arrangements

6. By paragraph 7 of resolution 1958 (2010), the Secretary-General was requested to enter into all implementing arrangements with the Government of Iraq necessary to provide, in particular, appropriate indemnification for the benefit of the United Nations, its representatives, agents and independent contractors, with regard to all activities in connection with the oil-for-food programme since its inception. In
that regard, I am pleased to report that, on 29 June 2017, the United Nations and the Government of Iraq concluded such implementing arrangements.

7. I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for the constructive interaction between the Government of Iraq and the Secretariat in bringing closure to this matter, which I consider to be a significant milestone.