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- 1. We the leaders of the G8 nations, welcome the progress made by Iraq since the national elections in January 2005, and stand behind the democratically elected Iraqi Transitional Government. We commit ourselves to helping Iraq complete the process of transition as set out in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1546 and in accordance with Iraq's Transitional Administrative Law.
- 2. We express our full support for a sovereign democratic, pluralist, federal and unified Iraq in which human rights are fully respected. The political process should be transparent and include all Iraq's communities, on the basis of national unity, reconciliation and the renunciation of violence. We encourage Iraq to adhere to the political timetable specified in the Transitional Administrative Law, culminating in the holding of national elections by 15 December, 2005 for a government under a new constitution.
- 3. We welcome and support the United Nations' leading role in promoting an inclusive, participatory and transparent political transition, at the request of the Iraqi government and in accordance with its mandate as elaborated in UNSCR 1546. We encourage the United Nations to enhance its engagement, in coordination with the international community.
- 4. We strongly condemn all acts of terrorism, especially all violence directed against civilians, and those, Iraqi and international, working to establish stability and the rule of law in Iraq. We expressed our anger and sorrow at the murder of the Egyptian Ambassador to Baghdad. We call on the states of the region to co-operate with Iraq to prevent cross-border transit and support for terrorists and to improve regional security. We note the support of the Iraqi Transitional Government for a continuing presence by the Multinational Force in Iraq (MNF-I), as mandated by UNSCR 1546. We support Iraq in its efforts to build its security forces' ability so that it can assume responsibility for Iraq's security as soon as possible.
- 5. We reaffirm our intention to reduce Iraq's debt by implementing the terms of the November 2004 Paris Club agreement. We call on other creditors to provide debt relief on generous terms comparable to or even better than those agreed by the members of the Paris Club in November 2004. We support Iraq's integration into the relevant international economic organisations, such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO). We encourage the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to establish an effective presence in Iraq, as soon as possible.
- 6. We are committed to assisting the Iraqis in the reconstruction of their country. We welcome the international conference for Iraq organised by the US and the EU in Brussels on 22 June, attended by more than eighty countries and international

organisations, and we strongly endorse its conclusions. Specifically, we encourage countries to disburse unreleased portions of their pledges from the 2003 Madrid Conference and to provide further contributions to Iraq's reconstruction. We welcome the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq meeting at the Dead Sea on 18-19 July 2005. We encourage participants to follow up their pledges of assistance in accordance with Iraq's priorities and pledge their full support to an Iraqi-led donor co-ordination process, based in Baghdad.