COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY REGULATION NUMBER 4

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IRAQI PROPERTY RECONCILIATION FACILITY

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1483 (2003),

Recognizing that large numbers of people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds in Iraq have been uprooted and forced to move from their properties to serve political objectives of the Ba'athist regime,

Recognizing that as a result of these Ba'athist policies, many individuals have conflicting claims to the same real property, resulting in instability and occasional violence,

Recognizing that pending the establishment of a means of finally resolving property-related claims by a future Iraqi government, certain of these claims may be amenable to voluntary reconciliation immediately, thereby avoiding further instability and violence,

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1
Establishment

1) There shall be established an Iraqi Property Reconciliation Facility (IPRF) that shall commence operation at a time to be fixed by the Administrator, for the purpose of collecting real property claims and promptly resolving such claims on a voluntary basis in a fair and judicious manner.

2) The IPRF shall operate under the authority of the Administrator and shall terminate operation at such time as the Administrator shall determine.

3) The Administrator may authorize the establishment of an IPRF Fund to be used in connection with the operations of the IPRF.

Section 2
Delegation of Authority

The Administrator may delegate any of the authorities hereunder, including by designating an international organization to implement IPRF.

Section 3
Composition

1) The IPRF central office shall be located in Baghdad, and it shall administer the IPRF and coordinate with other entities as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the IPRF.

2) The IPRF shall also have several regional offices located throughout Iraq. Each office will be staffed with one or more international staff and five or more Iraqis who are representative of the geographical area covered by that office.

3) The Administrator, or his delegee in consultation with the Administrator, will select the individuals who will serve in the regional offices and the Executive Secretariat.

Section 4
Powers and Functions

1) The head of the central office shall:

   a) provide advice to and coordinate with the regional offices to ensure consistent procedures and policies among the regional offices;

   b) report to the Administrator with respect to all aspects of the IPRF; and

   c) perform such other functions delegated by the Administrator.

2) The regional IPRF offices shall:

   a) provide information to the Iraqi public about the IPRF, its regional offices and the services provided by such offices;

   b) receive claims from individuals with property disputes;

   c) provide a voluntary dispute resolution and reconciliation facility that individuals may use to resolve their disputes; and

d) perform such other functions delegated by the Administrator.

Section 5
Regulation

The IPRF shall be bound by and operate in accordance with any Regulations, Orders or Memoranda issued by the Administrator.

Section 6
Entry into Force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of signature.

6/26/03

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority