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**BAGHDAD**

**ACTION MEMO**

September 18, 2003 1015L

**FOR:** Ambassador Paul Bremer

**FROM:** Ambassador Darrell Trent

**SUBJECT:** Signature Authority to Sign Overflight Agreement with IATA for Minister of Transportation or Director General of Civil Aviation Authority

**SUMMARY & PURPOSE:** Subject to your approval, we would like the new Minister of Transportation or the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority to sign the overflight agreement that we are concluding with the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

**BACKGROUND:** You authorized Robert Wayne to sign civil aviation agreements on behalf of the CPA. We are just about to conclude an agreement with IATA to collect overflight fees from airlines (\$375 for each overflight) for Iraq's account, and landing fees, when they have been established. IATA is the international association of air carriers to which virtually every air carrier in the world belongs, and it customarily performs this function for many governments.

We think it would be a symbolic demonstration of the increasing responsibility the new ministries are taking if the Minister of Transportation or the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority were authorized to sign this agreement. The Office of the General Counsel states that there are no legal objections to your delegating signing authority to a duly authorized Iraqi official for this particular agreement on behalf of his agency and it regards it as solely a political decision on your part. Governance supports our request as consistent with your objective to build authority in the new Iraqi government institutions.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That signature authority for the overflight agreement with IATA be delegated to the Minister of Transportation or the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority.

Approve: *U. Trent*      Disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_      Approve with modification: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS:** NONE

**COORDINATION:** Governance - *Irfran Siddiq*  
General Counsel - *Eric Pelofsky*

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