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Explanation of Vote

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With the noteworthy political progress that has been made in Iraq, it is important that UNAMI continues to operate and discharge its mandate. We encourage sustained cooperation between UNAMI and the government of Iraq, both of which have a shared ambition to promote the positive advancement of Iraq. To that end, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines welcomes the adoption of this resolution renewing UNAMI's mandate. We recognise the unanimous adoption of the resolution as evidence of the Council's commitment to the security and prosperity of Iraq and the Iraqi people.

Despite the progress that has been made, we must not forget the many challenges that persist, and which necessitate the continuance of UNAMI's support to the Iraqi authorities in their efforts towards inclusive dialogue, reconciliation and reconstruction. In this regard, we reiterate that UNAMI must continue to respect Iraq's sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence.

We also reiterate our support to Ms. Jeanine Hennis-Plasscheart and her team and recognise their continued dedication to the people of Iraq in line with their mandate.

Thank you.