Excerpts of the UNSG Iraq report dealing with Camp Ashraf /Paragraphs 49 & 66

49-UNAMI continues to monitor the humanitarian and human rights situation in Camp New Iraq, formerly known as Camp Ashraf, where some 3,400 members of the People’s Mujahedeen Organization of Iran reside. On 7 and 8 April, Iraqi security forces entered the camp and assumed control over the northern side. Violence ensued and 34 residents of the camp died; more than 70 were wounded. On 9 April, the Government of Iraq reiterated its firm determination to close down the camp by the end of 2011. UNAMI and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights called for restraint and urged the Government of Iraq to refrain from the use of force contrary to international law. They also called for a thorough investigation into the incident which remains pending.

66. I am concerned by the loss of life at Camp New Iraq during the violent incident on 7 and 8 April. I urge the Iraqi authorities to refrain from the use of force, and to ensure adequate access for camp residents to goods and services. I also welcome the assurances by the Government of Iraq after the incident that it is committed to finding a peaceful solution which is acceptable to all. I therefore encourage all stakeholders involved to increase their efforts to explore options and seek a consensual solution that ensures respect for Iraq’s sovereignty while also being consistent with international human rights law and humanitarian principles. To this end, I call upon Member States to help to support and facilitate the implementation of any arrangement that is acceptable to the Government of Iraq and the camp residents.