Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and under the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions 1483 and 1511 (2003),

Noting that appointments of interim deputy Iraqi ministers provide key opportunities to advance the CPA’s efforts to restore and establish representative government institutions in Iraq, including national ministry staffs that reflect the ethnic, religious and cultural diversity of the Iraqi people and the crucial role that Iraqi women must assume in achieving an internationally recognized, representative government of Iraq;

Recognizing that the Governing Council of Iraq in performing its functions on behalf of the people of Iraq has nominated Deputy Ministers to assume responsibility of the daily administration of the Iraqi Ministries,

Implementing CPA Regulation Number 6, Governing Council of Iraq (CPA/REG/13 Jul 2003/06),

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1
Appointment of Interim Deputy Ministers

The Administrator shall have the exclusive authority to appoint Deputy Ministers. Unless specifically appointed in writing by the Administrator, no individual may assume the position of Deputy Minister or exercise the authority or enjoy the privileges of such office.

Section 2
Exception for Currently Serving Deputy Ministers

Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Memorandum, individuals who are serving as Acting Deputy Ministers on the effective date of this Memorandum may continue to hold the position of Acting Deputy Minister, and exercise the authority and enjoy the privileges of such office, until removed by the Administrator.
Section 3
Entry into Force

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

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority