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),

Understanding that justice for the crimes of the past regime demands proper compensation for the victims and their families,

Acknowledging that under the former regime, many lost their jobs, their property and their lives because they opposed the regime, refused to join the Ba`ath party or simply were related to someone considered by the previous regime as an opponent,

Noting that compensating victims of past crimes is a complex undertaking involving many thousands of people,

Recognizing that ultimately the offenses committed by the past Iraqi regime against Iraqi citizens should be compensated by Iraqis in accordance with Iraqi standards of justice and through Iraqi means,

Desiring to help the process of correcting these injustices of the past to begin quickly,

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1
Establishment

1) The Special Task Force on Compensating Victims of the Previous Regime (“Special Task Force”) is hereby established.

2) The Special Task Force shall be composed of a Chairman and two Assistant Chairmen. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Administrator of the CPA and shall head the Special Task Force. The Assistant Chairmen shall be selected by the Chairman and shall assist in the work of the Special Task Force.

Section 2
Responsibilities

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1) The Special Task Force shall work with victims and Ministries to define the types of injustice for which compensation should be provided, other than wrongs already being addressed through other processes. The Special Task Force shall:

   a) Define the categories of victims to be compensated;
   
   b) Devise a means of estimating the numbers of victims in each category;
   
   c) Estimate what would constitute fair compensation for each category of victim;
   
   d) Recommend a system by which victims may make claims for compensation as well as a system to fairly adjudicate those claims.

2) By August 1, 2004, the Special Task Force shall provide the Iraqi Interim Government with a report containing the Special Task Force's findings and recommendations.

Section 3
Endowment

To carry out the Special Task Force's recommendations, twenty-five million dollars from the Development Fund for Iraq shall be set aside to be used in the future effort to compensate victims and their families.

Section 4
Entry into Force

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

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority

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