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AUDIT

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UNDP IRAQ

**INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF IRAQI INDEPENDENT HIGH ELECTORAL
COMMISSION**

(Directly Implemented Project No. 60760, Output No. 76645)

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**Report on the audit of UNDP Iraq
Institutional Development of Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission
(Project No. 60760, Output No. 76645)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 14 to 31 December 2014, through PricewaterhouseCoopers “Jordan” L.L.C (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Institutional Development of Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (Project No. 60760), Output No. 76645 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Iraq (the Office). This was the first audit of the Project.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project’s operations. The audit covered the Project’s Combined Delivery Report, which includes expenditure for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2013. The audit did not cover the Statement of Assets as all fixed assets had been transferred to another project (Output No. 88021) before 31 December 2013. In addition, the audit did not cover the Statement of Cash Position as no separate bank account was established and maintained for the Project.

The audit was conducted under the general supervision of OAI in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

Audit results

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

Project Expenditure	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
4,289	Unqualified

The audit firm issued an unqualified opinion on the Funds Utilization statement.

Key recommendations: Total = 3, high priority = 0

The three recommendations aim to ensure the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information.

The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There are three medium (important) priority recommendations, which means, “Action is required to ensure that UNDP is not exposed to risks that are considered moderate. Failure to take action could contribute to negative consequences for UNDP.” These recommendations include actions to address inadequate recording of expenses and to ensure that all General Ledger Journal Entries are adequately documented, approved by the senior management and filed for future reference.

¹ The Funds Utilization statement includes the balance, as at a given date, of five items: (a) outstanding advances received by the project; (b) depreciated fixed assets used at the project level; (c) inventory held at the project level; (d) prepayments made by the project; and (e) outstanding commitments held at the project level.

Management comments and action plan

The UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative accepted all of the recommendations and is in the process of implementing them. Comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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