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Dear Mr Matulewicz,

The "F4" Panel of Commissioners signed its report dealing with the fifth "F4" instalment of claims on 1 April 2005 and the Governing Council accepted the Panel's award recommendations on 30 June 2005. These events complete over five years of work by the "F4" Panel on environmental claims resulting from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990 and the 1991. They are milestones in the development of international environmental law and policy.

As the "F4" Panel was finishing its work, it conveyed great appreciation for all of the expert assistance it received in the course of its review of the environmental claims. Chairman Mensah praised the quality, competence and professionalism of the expert advice provided and commented on the excellent relationships with the experts which the Panel had enjoyed in the course of its work.

We also wish to acknowledge the assistance which you provided to the Panel on the terrestrial damage claim filed by the State of Kuwait. Your professional and highly competent analysis of the scientific and technical issues involved with these claims was instrumental to the "F4" Panel's deliberations and the ultimate recommendations for claim awards. Thank you for all of your help to the UNCC.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Michael F. Raboin in black ink.

Michael F. Raboin
Deputy Executive Secretary and
Director Claims Processing Division

Handwritten signature of Julia Klee in black ink.

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