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**Joint Statement: Iraq-U.S. Economic and Energy  
Joint Coordination Committee**

On April 19, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Rowsch Nouri Shaways, and the U.S. Embassy's Assistant Chief of Mission for Assistance Transition, Ambassador Patricia Haslach, convened a meeting of the Economic and Energy Joint Coordination Committee under the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA).

The Economic and Energy Joint Coordination Committee continues to strengthen the Government of Iraq's capacity to build a diversified and advanced economy that ensures the integration of Iraq into the international community. The Committee endeavors to maintain an active bilateral dialogue to facilitate the development of effective private sector and investment strategies, through mechanisms such as the Dialogue on Economic Cooperation (DEC) held October 2009 in Washington, D.C. prior to the U.S.-Iraq Business and Investment Conference. These aims support the SFA's broader goal of fostering a strategic partnership between the United States and Iraq by establishing stronger ties between the two nations.

The Iraqi and U.S. co-chairs of the working groups discussed current areas of cooperation, provided updates on their work, the policy and progress on priorities for their working groups. The key working groups are: Trade and Investment; Oil and Gas; Public Financial Management; Industry and Private Sector Development; and Electricity New Generation.

Both sides look forward to continued close cooperation under the SFA to build a prosperous, diversified, growing Iraqi economy that is integrated into the global economic system and meets the essential service needs of the Iraqi people.

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