

**Pledges made to IRFFI and Iraqi reconstruction at the
Expanded Donor Meeting of IRFFI,
July 18, 2005**

The European Union reaffirmed the new pledge it made at the Brussels Conference, which was **EURO 200 million** for 2005, to be implemented through the UN and WB. The EU will be giving **EURO 110 million** to the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund, with a preference for education (EURO 40 million); health (EURO 25 million); rural development (EURO 15 million); poverty reduction and human development (EURO 10 million) and governance and civil society (EURO 20 million). With the WB, the EU will be support social protection with **EURO 40 million**.

Australia reaffirmed its announcement made earlier in 2005, that they will be providing **US\$ 45 million** of assistance to Iraq over the next two years; of which **US\$ 12 million** will be contributed to the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund and **US\$ 8 million** to the WB Iraq Trust Fund.

Italy reaffirmed its commitment to EURO 200 million worth of support from 2003 – 2007. Italy announced it will add **EURO 10 million** to the UNDG Trust Fund, with its support to IRFFI amounting to **EURO 20 million**. These funds previously focused on industrial development with UNIDO and will now focus on agriculture (water and irrigation) with FAO. Furthermore, Italy will bilaterally, in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Health, support a health programme in Iraq focusing on emergencies, paediatric care, blood disease and burns cases, implemented in coordination with the Italian Red Cross.

Denmark reaffirmed its announcement previously made an additional of **US\$ 40 million** for assistance to Iraq. Denmark is examining how they will use these funds, of which **US\$ 5.5 million** will go to the IRFFI which will make them a full member of the IRRFI Donor Committee.

Spain announced that they have concluded negotiations with the UNDG to contribute **US\$ 20 million** to the UNDG Trust Fund.

Greece reaffirmed their Madrid pledge of **EURO 3 million** and confirmed they will be giving **EURO 500,000** to the UNDG ITF for constitution and **EURO 1.9 million** to the UNDG ITF for land mine clearance.