To refugees in Iraq who have pending applications with the U.S. resettlement program:

Due to the on-going security situation in Iraq, and the reduction in activities and staffing at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, officials from the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) are able to process only a limited number of applicants at this time. Interviews have resumed, however we are unable to predict at this time when any particular applicant will be invited to her/his interview at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. We will contact you approximately two weeks in advance to notify you of your scheduled interview.

We want to assure you that all other elements of the U.S. resettlement program in Iraq continue. One of our highest priorities is facilitating timely travel to the United States for all individuals who are cleared for U.S. entry and we will continue to do so as long as security conditions permit. Please be advised that:

- For those individuals in Iraq who have already completed all steps of U.S. processing, we are continuing to arrange for your safe departure to the United States.
- For those individuals who have already had their required in-person interview with a U.S. immigration official, we are taking the necessary steps to process your case to completion.
- For those who have not yet completed their medical exams, we assure you that we are doing everything we can to schedule you for an exam.
- For those who have not yet had the required interviews at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, thank you for your patience as we resume scheduling applicants.

We are aware that some applicants may have relocated inside or outside Iraq due to security concerns. We cannot advise you whether or not you should leave. Only you can assess your own personal safety situation. If you move to another region within Iraq or a neighboring country, RSC MENA will do our best to facilitate continued processing in your new location. If you move, please send your new contact information to ic@iom.int. We will counsel you on options at that point. Accredited representatives with the necessary documentation may also contact ic@iom.int to inquire about cases.

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