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by the Spokesperson on the nomination of Mr Haider Al Abadi
as Prime Minister designate of Iraq

"We welcome Iraqi President Fuad Ma'soum's decision today to nominate Mr. Haider Al Abadi as Prime Minister designate of Iraq.

This decision is a positive step in the constitutional process towards the formation of a new government. We encourage the designated Prime Minister and all Iraqi political leaders to intensify their efforts to achieve the speedy formation of a new government that is inclusive, preserves national unity and is able to address the present crisis."

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