Weaknesses of UNMOVIC

- UNSC RES 1284 (17 Dec 99) created UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)
- UNMOVIC is weaker than UNSCOM....
 - Lacks staff expertise to baseline/evaluate Iraqi compliance.
 - Knowledgeable inspectors have left.
- ...and is structured to reduce USG influence:
 - Chairman and staff chosen based on Iraqi "sensitivities."
 - Only one U.S. national among its top leadership
- UNMOVIC will be more acceptable "to the international community" because it has less U.S., British and European influence. (We believe it will be less effective for the same reason).
- The reduced U.S. presence in UNMOVIC may inhibit sharing of some sensitive intelligence. USG unwilling to share intelligence with untrustworthy organization.
- Absence of inspectors for three years has allowed Iraq to increase its technological capabilities, burrow deeper underground, make components of its WMD programs mobile, render existing UNSCOM/IAEA data stale, and otherwise stiffen the challenge posed to an inspections regime

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