

## COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY ORDER NUMBER 8

### TRAVELING ABROAD FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

*Pursuant* to my authority as head of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1483 (2003), and the laws and usages of war,

*Reconfirming* the provisions of General Franks' Freedom Message to the Iraqi People of April 16, 2003,

*Recognizing* that the free exchange of ideas and the pursuit of academic excellence is necessary to the establishment of representative self-government in Iraq,

*Acting* on behalf, and for the benefit, of the Iraqi people,

I hereby promulgate the following:

Any statute, regulation, instruction or policy of the former Iraqi government that imposes restrictions or procedures on faculty, employees or students of public universities, colleges or other institutions of higher education who desire to travel abroad for educational purposes, is hereby rescinded. Effective immediately, the acting presidents of public universities, colleges or other institutions of higher education shall have exclusive authority to approve requests from faculty, employees and students of their institutions to travel abroad for any academic purpose, including teaching; pursuing programs of study; or attending or participating in sabbaticals, seminars, conferences, meetings, or similar events.



L. Paul Bremer, Administrator  
Coalition Provisional Authority