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IRAQ REQUESTS REMOVING ITS NAME FROM THE HIGH RISK COUNTRIES

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The mission of the Republic of Iraq to the European Union announced today, Wednesday, that Iraq has met all the FATF criteria for removing its name from the list of high-risk countries.

The mission said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "Ambassador Abdul Karim Tohma Kaab, head of the European Department, alongside him, the head of the mission of the Republic of Iraq to the European Union, Ambassador Sadiq Al-Rikabi, and Deputy Head of Mission, Minister Plenipotentiary Fadel Al-Rahim, chaired a technical meeting held in the Belgian capital, Brussels. Between the Iraqi team concerned with removing the name of Iraq from the European list of high-risk countries in the field of combating money laundering and terrorist financing and the European team concerned with this file in the European Commission and the Department of External Action.

"At the beginning of the meeting, Ambassador Abdul Karim gave a speech in which he stressed the importance of Iraq's relations with the European Union and the partnership and cooperation agreement concluded between the two sides, and also touched on the political and security situation in Iraq.".

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