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Deputy Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS Ambassador William Roebuck arrived in Baghdad, Iraq today for the Global Coalition's Stabilization Working Group. Ambassador Roebuck will address the Stabilization Working Group, which is co-led by Germany, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States, to highlight the importance of stabilization as a means to ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS, and encourage Coalition partners to increase their contributions for relevant programs that help consolidate recent military gains. Ambassador Roebuck plans to meet with senior Iraqi officials in Baghdad, Erbil, and Sulaimaniyah to discuss the enduring defeat of ISIS and other regional issues.

This is the first working group meeting of the Global Coalition to be hosted by the Government of Iraq and held in Baghdad – a testament to a city that five years ago was threatened by ISIS operating openly on its outskirts – reflecting the incredible progress made by the Iraqi people and the heroic Iraqi Security Forces in our shared struggle against ISIS.

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