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Press Release

The German Embassy Baghdad has opened a preliminary office in Erbil. First Secretary Cornelius Huppertz was temporarily assigned as Head of the new representation, until further notice.

Intensifying the relations between the Kurdistan Regional Government and Germany's federal and regional governments will be the priority task. Furthermore it is planned to tie up cultural links through common projects such as the promotion of German language classes in public schools. The establishment of a cultural contact point in cooperation with Goethe Institut and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Kurdistan Region is planned for this year.

Already ongoing initiatives like the AGEF vocational training and their Public Private Partnership with DAIMLER will further be strengthened and supported by the Embassy's enhanced presence in Erbil. Thomas Lenferding, Deputy Head of the Iraq Department of the German Federal Foreign Office, will be present at the opening of the office and is to meet with KRG officials to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Plans to open a permanent liaison or consular office in the area of the Kurdish regional Government in Iraq are under consideration. Until then, the Embassy in Bagdad and the office in Erbil remain closed to the general public. Applicants residing in the KRG area are still required to obtain visas and other consular services from the German Embassy in Ankara.