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AN APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF SUSANNE OSTHOFF

Eleven archaeology and cultural-heritage non-governmental organizations from around the world appeal for the release of archaeologist Susanne Osthoff and her escort in Iraq.

For immediate release.

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STATEMENT

We, the undersigned cultural organizations, are deeply concerned about the safety of Susanne Osthoff and her escort, and we appeal for Susanne's swift release so that she may be reunited with her family.

An archaeologist and humanitarian aid worker, Susanne has worked tirelessly for many years to aid the Iraqi people and to preserve the cultural treasures of Iraq for all Iraqis. She is truly a friend to all the people of Iraq.

We appeal to those holding Susanne for her safe release, and for the safe release of her escort, and trust that you will return them to their families who love them.

World Archaeological Congress, Claire Smith, President

Society for American Archaeology, Kenneth M. Ames, President

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Global Heritage Fund, Jeff Morgan, President

Society for Historical Archaeology, Dr. Judy Bense, President

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