

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Amendment to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

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1. Name of Registrant

Nineveh Plain Defense Fund

2. Registration No.

6339

3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose or purposes:

☒ To give a 10-day notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.☐ To correct a deficiency in☐ Initial Statement☐ Supplemental Statement for the period ending \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other purpose (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_☐ To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:

Revised Exhibit B-Nineveh Plain Protection Units  
Revised Exhibit B-Assyrian Democratic Movement  
NPDF By-Laws, as amended and approved November 29, 2017

5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains. (*If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.*)

See attachment.

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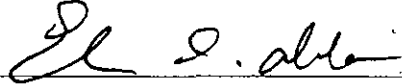
**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>1</sup>)

12-8-2017

  
Elmer D. Abbo

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<sup>1</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

## **Nineveh Plain Defense Fund**

### **Attachment to Amendment to Registration Statement December 8, 2017**

We are submitting this amendment and revised Exhibit B documents for both of our foreign principals in response to amendments in our By-Laws. The amendments do not change our agency relationship in substance but the changes do sufficiently alter the basis of the agency relationship that notice is warranted.

On November 25, 2017, the Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM), one of our foreign principals, elected to name Iraqi Rapporteur of Parliament and member of the Iraqi Parliamentary Committee of Security and Defense Imad Youkhana to assume the role of Chairman of the Nineveh Plain Protection Units (NPU) Political Committee.

In light of the NPU's leadership changes, we restructured the relationship of the NPDP with the NPU to improve the efficiency of our decision-making and routine operations. Previously, the Chairman of the NPU Political Committee served as a board member on the Nineveh Plain Defense Fund (NPDP) with veto authority. Now, the NPDP has removed from the board this ex officio officer position reserved for the Chairman of the NPU Political Committee and in its place, we have created a new officer position of the NPDP Liaison to the NPU. The NPDP Liaison to the NPU must be an ADM member based in Iraq, who will coordinate with the NPU Logistics Committee to receive requests and/or approvals for NPDP funding. Furthermore, the NPDP Liaison to the NPU shall, as appropriate, inform and consult with the Chairman of the NPU Political Committee on NPDP activities.

This new structure continues to tie the NPDP administratively to the NPU and ensures that no NPDP funding may be provided unless requested and/or approved by the NPU Logistics Committee. The NPDP By-Laws also now require two members of the NPDP board to be members of ADM in Iraq, including as previously noted, the NPDP Liaison to the NPU. This requirement was previously met in practice.

The NPDP By-Laws were amended in response to these changes on November 29, 2017.

Yacob Yaco, who is currently an NPDP board member with an active registration under FARA, has been elected to the role of NPDP Liaison to the NPU.