



Statement of
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In the Name Of Allah
(We surely have dignified Adams offspring's)

Mr President
Member States
Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to express my sincere congratulations for our newly elected President of General Assembly for the United Nations. I wish you success in performing this historical and humanitarian mission in the best interest of our universal nation.

I also wish to express my appreciation for Mr. John Beng for his efforts in serving that same mission in the previous assembly.

Mr. President;

I have come to you from Iraq, the cradle of civilization and meeting destination of a variety of nationalities, religions, and political ideas. I have come from a rich fertile land which has given though out its history honorable blood, like ALHUSAYN and ALSADR, to protect freedom and human rights.

It is a unique opportunity for me to deliver the thundering voice of Iraq. The dictatorship that ruled Iraq in the past tried to silence this voice by spreading death, destruction, and mass graves on that land, and today, the terrorists are trying to silence the fires that keep that voice alive... I came here to deliver the voice of the nation, convey to you the real picture of this new Iraq, the power of its determination, and its passion towards you and your nations.

Mr. President,

Iraq is witnessing today a reality of different events. That is after being released from the restraints of a 35 year dictatorship which imposed on it one political option, and one policy of oppression which resulted in suffering for Iraqis. Throughout all that, the world had not become aware of the crimes that were being committed on Iraq, its people, its environment, its culture and all that linked it to civilization and modernity.

Having just walked this recent successful political journey, and in a record time, regardless of the obstacles and challenges that were facing it, our Iraqi nation today is proud of its country Iraq.

Starting with the election of January 2005, to forming the government on May 3rd, despite all the challenges throughout the 3 months, a draft constitution was 1 written and will be presented to the Iraqi people to vote on this October. This constitution will allow law and order, justice and equality for all Iraqis.

Having successfully participated in the political life, and their leadership role through political changes, Iraqi woman will have their rights restored, including the right to pass on citizenship to their children just like Iraqi men have done.

The constitution grants freedom to all religions, freedom of speech, expression of opinion, and regional self governance.

Mr. President;

We are marching towards political stability and economic prosperity, and regaining security and stability. After the suicidal car bombs reached 61 attacks in July, it dropped to 9 in August and in this month. The number of assassinations decreased from 225 to 9 in the past two months. The Iraqi military attacked the terrorist hubs in TALAFAR this month to restore security in that town. Our forces adhered to clean rules of conduct and did its best to protect the innocent civilians of that town. The terrorist felt the impact of that operation and therefore went on to commit more crimes, this time on the brave city of KHADIMIYA killing more 120 people on September 14th.

The Iraqi forces continue building and training to take over all security matters and not depend on the multi-national forces for its security. However, the time has not come for it to be completely independent, even though some Iraqi cities have prepared to do so. Therefore, we will be asking the multi-national forces to leave these cities once we are ready.

The new political life in Iraq operates on the principles of journalistic freedoms, separate and independent legislative, executive, and judiciary powers, and towards the reconstruction of Iraq, and to realize the dreams of the Iraqi nation. The oil production has increased, and so has the number of work opportunities for Iraqis. More is being accomplished in public services, health, residential and road construction and re-construction. Environmental offices have been declared the provinces of Iraq free from radioactive sources.

Therefore, I am seizing this opportunity to urge creditor nations to help us by canceling Iraqi debt. That debt was accumulated by the corrupt policies of the previous regime.

For Iraq today to join back the community of world nations, be an asset, and participate in promoting world security, and for it to face the challenges of terrorism, it must be enabled to rebuild itself, grow and develop a healthy prosperous economy. I call on the nations to fulfill the promises they made during the International Conferences held in Madrid, Brussels, and finally in Jordan to provide financial aid to Iraq.

Iraq values the constructive role of the United Nations, its efforts to help the Iraqi people through the special envoy for Mr. Kofi Onan and the technical aid team for elections, and the UNAMI mission. While we highly appreciate these efforts, we do look forward to having this international organization to come back to Iraq and open its offices to back up the reconstruction process of Iraq.

We also call upon the International Community to evaluate the necessity of adopting an international program to protect and preserve the grand archeological history of Iraq, its

symbols in Babylon and Somer, after it suffered from neglect, theft, and destruction. Likewise, I call on all nations to take responsibility for protecting the sites of Prophets and Imams.

Mr. President,

Today, Iraq is witnessing and living cruel, vicious and merciless attacks from contemporary international terrorism, which started its attacks on the world on 9/11. The alarming bells are ringing around different capitols of the world, in Spain, Britain, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia as we all witnessed. Since the fall of Saddam's regime, which adopted the policy of either rule Iraq or burn it to destroy it, Iraq is faced with the threat of destruction. Our Iraqi people are paying the price of facing terrorism, their homes are the frontlines of this battle. This makes it necessary and detrimental for the world to support Iraqis in fighting the battle against terrorism, and to rid Iraq of the remnants of the previous Baa'th regime thugs who are bleeding Iraq to stop it from moving towards democracy.

In order to deal with terrorism, we must agree to deal in fundamental terms with

1- All elements constituting terrorism which includes

- a. persons involved
- b. ideology and culture
- c. finances
- d. propagation and advocating terrorism
- e. justifications discourse
- f. supporting groups and organizations
- g. incubators

2- the global nature of terrorism: Terror that happens today in any country cannot be looked in isolation with what might happen in all other countries, which can either be a victim or a host of terrorism. The arena for terrorism is human beings at large and cannot be limited to one state or region. Those of us who suffer from terror have a painful message to the rest of the world; when terror succeeds in defeating order in a country, then its theory and practice will gain grounds and spread to other countries.

3- Our collective responsibility in confronting terrorism: The world, rightly and responsibly, unite as one body in confronting the calamities of natural disasters, as most recently witnessed in the Tsunami and Katrina. But we are yet to realize that the calamities of terrorism, if allowed, will be as devastating as natural disasters. We need to raise awareness among all members to work together and lead in containing and eliminating the threats of terrorism. On behalf of the Iraqi people, I want to register our thanks to the US and other countries that are standing with us in fighting terrorism. The Iraqi people are at the global frontline in confronting terrorism, our victory in this war is victory to all and we ask the world to stand by us and support us in this war. Iraqis ask countries that are breeding terrorists; why don't you encourage aid to Iraq and help rebuild it? Why not invest in building Iraq's economy and serve our mutual interests? Why not help restore security to our streets and thus facilitate the departure of the multi-national forces in Iraq? Why does not the official media news agencies in these

countries cover the progress instead of glorifying the crimes against civilians in the name of resistance? We call upon Iraq's neighbors to work closer with us to prevent terrorists from crossing borders. We seek good and closer relationships with all countries, and especially our neighbors, and shall cooperate to serve our broad interests and protect our national sovereignty.

Mr President

I want to emphasize the need for peaceful approaches to complex political problems in the Middle East, within the frameworks of international accords and agreements. We call for a fair and just solution to the Palestinian issue, to confirm the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to live in full dignity and freedom on their land and to establish a sovereign Palestinian state. We support all efforts to keep the Middle East free from weapons of mass destructions, spread humane and civil values of peace, coexistence and tolerance and to ensure security and stability throughout the region.

At the same time that Iraq struggle to develop its political and social institutions and build its economy, we will contribute and fulfill our responsibilities in supporting peace and security throughout the region and wherever needed in the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The UN continue to provide the world with the broadest umbrella to prevent wars, resolve conflicts and aid in all aspects of development. In a dynamic world that is changing rapidly, the UN organization will undoubtedly adapt its structures and decision making procedures to fulfill its responsibilities and commitments.

In conclusion,

I call upon all members to maintain their support to Iraq at these critical moments of adopting a constitution and persevering in the path of democratic development.

Peace be Upon You

Thank you Mr President

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