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# *Administrator's Weekly Report*

## *Governance*

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### **HIGHLIGHT**

-- On June 8, United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution that endorses the new interim government of Iraq, allows the multinational force to provide security in partnership with the new government, sets out a leading role for the United Nations in helping the political process over the next year, and calls upon the international community to aid Iraq in its transition.

### **Transition to Sovereignty**

- The United Nations recognized the Iraqi Interim Government this week, endorsing it as the sovereign Government of Iraq by June 30. United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1546 was passed unanimously on June 8. It specifies that the Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) will assume full responsibility and authority for governing Iraq while refraining from taking any actions affecting Iraq's destiny beyond the limited interim period until an elected Transitional Government assumes office. The resolution was sponsored by the United States, the United Kingdom and Romania.
- UNSCR 1546 reaffirms that a multinational force will be present in Iraq, based on the request of the IIG. The mandate for the multinational force will be reviewed at the request of the IIG, or after one year. The mandate will expire when a constitutionally elected government takes office, or earlier if requested by the Iraqi Government.
- The Resolution requests force contributions from member states. It also encourages member states to assist Iraq in reconstruction by providing technical expertise and economic development.

### **I. Develop Civic Participation in Governance**

*Develop indigenous polling capacity; Provide women and youth with the skills necessary to become important participants in the political process; Develop local civil society capacity to conduct advocacy and participate in political life; Develop civic education programs promoting electoral participation and democratic ideals; Build capacity for civil society conflict prevention and mitigation*

- The National Democratic Institute (NDI) offered a workshop for Kurdish women's organizations on June 9. The one-day session discussed fundamentals such as developing a mission statement, organizational structure, and donor relations. Thirteen women representing ten civil society organizations attended.
- The International Republican Institute (IRI) met with a variety of civic organizations to discuss principles of democracy and assist organizations that expressed interest in becoming involved with functions of the Iraqi government. Staff consulted with student organizations, women's groups, professional medical associations, and discussed a center for democracy with officials at the University of Dohuk who requested their assistance.

### **II. Support Development of Sustainable Political Parties/Associations**

*Support development of political associations*

- The IRI is preparing to conduct six one-day political training seminars beginning June 12. Each seminar will be directed at a specific theme, identified as a result of a questionnaire distributed among approximately 100 parties in recent weeks. Over 50 parties have registered to send representatives to the first seminar, and many more are expected for later seminars.
- The National Democratic Institute (NDI) has conducted a brief appraisal of the political environment in Northern Iraq. Discussions with civil society organizations and the de facto governing parties – the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan – indicated that civil society organizations operate with greater freedom from regulation since the Coalition invasion.

### **III. Develop More Accountable and Responsive Local Government**

*Support the organization of citizens advisory councils per CPA models, with follow-on training in democratic practices, and/or support for interim representative bodies; Develop more accountable and responsive local government; Work with civic groups to encourage participation in local public affairs; Provide basic training for professional budget preparation and transparent financial management*

- This week, the three governing bodies of Baghdad Governorate – the City, the Regional (outside the city but within the province) and the Provincial Councils – all endorsed provisional operating charters for approval by CPA. They set forth the responsibilities of the respective councils, named agencies, established financial procedures and created election provisions.

- CPA officials met with Taza Town Council in northern Iraq on June 5, where CPA helped secure agreement on the way forward with implementation of the Beshir Agreement. This agreement concerns land use and settlement in an area disputed between returning Turcoman and resident Arabs.
- Diyala's Provisional Council held a special session on June 6 to discuss the increasing incidence of political intimidation and assassination in the province. Over the past month, four government officials have been murdered and six have had attempts made on their lives. Members of the council, the commander of the Coalition Forces in Diyala, CPA Ba'qubah officials and senior police officials discussed the attacks and how best to stop them.
- On June 3, Diyala's Tribal Leaders and Sheikhs Association held its first convention in Ba'qubah. During the three hour meeting, there was near unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the new Iraqi Interim Government by the sheikhs and tribal leaders, together with several attending political party representatives.
- The Inspector General of the Baghdad City government was named. He will be responsible for auditing and transparency of records, processing complaints of fraud and waste and referring potentially criminal acts to the Commission for Public Integrity.
- The Basrah Provincial Council has edged closer to a decision on refreshment. (b)(5)

#### IV. Promote Respect for Human Rights

*Educate on human rights issues; Preserve documentation of past atrocities, raise awareness, and promote reconciliation; Strengthen local capacity to investigate and address past atrocities; Establish Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) for past atrocities; Incorporate human rights into laws; Develop role of independent human rights NGOs and media; Establish a human rights ministry*

- A Canadian expert is working with the Ministry of Human Rights to conduct an assessment of needs for a National Human Rights Commission. (b)(5)
- The Minister of Human Rights held a reception for women's groups this week. It was attended by Prime Minister Allawi and Ambassadors from five countries.

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**V. Promote Durable Solutions for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**

*Facilitate the return of refugees and IDPs; Build local and national capacity to protect and assist refugees and IDPs; Develop and implement the Iraq Property Claims Commission (IPCC) for property disputes*

- Currently, 21 IPCC offices are operating: Duhok, Mosul, Erbil, Sulimania, Tuz, Tikrit, Kirkuk (one main office, five satellite offices, and two mobile offices), Khanakin, Baquba, Hilla, Basra, and three in Baghdad. Four other offices are expected to open in the next month: Ramadi, Qadissiah, Samrarah and Nasiriyah. (b)(5)  
(b)(5) To date, the number of claims taken in is close to 5,000.

- The CPA has secured salaries for the IPCC for the month of June. (b)(5)  
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