

NOTE: LETTER DELIVERED IN ARABIC TO CHAIRMAN BILL DELAHUNT, MAY 29, 2008, AND TRANSLATED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE .

IN A PUBLIC BRIEFING IN CHAIRMAN DELAHUNT'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUNE 4, TWO IRAQI PARLIAMENTARIANS (DR. NADIM AL-JABERI OF THE AL-FADHILA PARTY AND SHEIKH KHALAF AL-ULAYYAN OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COUNCIL) WHOSE PARTIES ARE AMONG THOSE LISTED AS SIGNATORIES AFFIRMED THAT THIS LETTER WAS SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI PARLIAMENT ON BEHALF OF PARTIES REPRESENTING A MAJORITY OF THE 275-MEMBERS.

THEY NOTED THAT ONLY THE PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE KURDISH BLOCK SIGNED AS INDIVIDUALS – ALL THE REST SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THEIR PARTIES.

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

To: Madam Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Sirs and Madams Members of the United States of America Congress and Senate

From: Remarks on the agreements between the Iraqi Republic and the United States of America

Peace and blessings be upon you.

Based on the numerous hearings held by your parliament with regards to the agreement that the executive powers of Iraq and the United States are determined to sign;

We, the undersigned members of the council, wish to confirm your concerns that any international agreement that is not ratified by the Iraqi legislative power is considered unconstitutional and illegal, in accordance with the current rulings and laws of the Iraqi Republic. Furthermore, any treaty, agreement or "executive agreement" that is signed between Iraq and the United States will not be legal and will not enter the stage of implementation without first being ratified by the Council of Representatives, in accordance with Article 61 of Section Four of the Iraqi constitution, which gives the Iraqi government's legislative power, represented by the Council of Representatives, the exclusive right to ratify international treaties and agreements.

Likewise, we wish to inform you that the majority of Iraqi representatives strongly reject any military-security, economic, commercial, agricultural, investment or political agreement with the United States that is not linked to clear mechanisms that obligate the occupying American military forces to fully withdraw from Iraq, in accordance with a declared timetable and without leaving behind any military bases, soldiers or hired fighters.

The Iraqi Council of Representatives is looking to ratify agreements that end every form of American intervention in Iraq's internal affairs and restore Iraq's independence and sovereignty over its land.

Date

Signatory

Name

Dr. Salih Al-Mutlak - Leader of the National Dialogue Front
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