



## SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

### **Iraq in its 7<sup>th</sup> year of occupation: Current situation and perspectives for the future**

#### **Iraqi delegation visit, 30 April – 2 May 2009**

A delegation of key Iraqi figures from diverse political backgrounds will be in Geneva from 29 April to 2 May 2009 to meet international organisations and NGOs with the aim of informing them of the political, security and human rights situation in Iraq, and to present their national perspective on bringing an end to the crisis which has recently witnessed an increase in deadly violence.

The group, currently touring key European cities including Stockholm, Oslo and Brussels, and which will be hosted in Geneva by the Cordoba Foundation for Peace Promotion and the Alkarama Foundation for Human Rights, is composed of:

**Prof. Mohammed Bashar Al Faidhi**, member of the Secretariat-General and spokesperson of the Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraq, representing Sunni religious leaders and working towards improving relations between Shiite and Sunnite within an Iraqi national political perspective. The Association also carries out social activities to help those who have lost their sources of income and looks after the Iraqi families of those wounded or being detained. As spokesperson for the Association, Prof. Al Faidhi has participated in several symposia in Europe, including that organised by the Committee for Solidarity with the Arab World held in October 2008 in Spain.

**Mr Raad Nassir Al Adhami**, president of the Loyalty for Iraq Grouping, a political party which participated in the last general elections. He pulled out of the race on the eve of the elections after he and a number of Iraqi politicians raised their concerns on the lack of compliance with international standards for open and transparent elections with the US Ambassador at the time, Zalmay Mamozy Khalilzad, without result.

**Mr Mohammed Hassan Khalef**, president of the first Governing Council of the city of Fallujah. He has experience working with US military and civilian authorities in a city known for a battle which represented a turn in the American war.

**Gen. Saifaldin Nasser Al Okidi**, former general of the Iraqi Army. He was also detained by US forces. This has provided him with unique insight into human rights violations taking place in Iraq.

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