



**Tammuz organization-Futuer network  
Participate in the initiative of the International Solidarity  
With the Iraqi civil society organizations**

Events concluded with the solidarity of the Iraqi civil society, held in Rome

During the period 25-31/3 / 2009, with the participation of thirty-eight Iraqi civil society organizations, including Tammuz Organization for Social Development and the Democratic organizations of the Iraq future network and more than twenty international organizations interested in the affairs of Iraqi society organizations, including the Italian, Canadian, American, Norwegian, French, British , Pakistani, Japanese, Palestinian and others.

Where they were preparing for the event for nearly two years by a number of international organizations that have worked in Iraq, with Iraqi organizations, including the Canadian and the alternatives (bridge to) Italy.

Initiative aimed at the definition of international organizations, civil society organizations in Iraq and to exchange expertise and experiences with each other and therefore a mechanism of cooperation and the establishment of strategic relations at the local level and internationally.

Activities of the initiative included several workshops which have been discussed and to identify major constraints and challenges faced by civil society in Iraq and how to dispose of these challenges in order that the contribution of these organizations in addressing the problems facing Iraqi society, according to priority and through activating the role of civil society organizations Iraq to take a real role.

Was through a program initiative to identify activities and areas of work of international organizations and how to develop strategic plans for cooperation with Iraq through organizations and gain support of the international community and international organizations of interest in the issues of Iraqi society

The conclusion of those events has been held a news conference to announce the final report, which was attended by participants in the solidarity of civil society in Iraq. And by the organizations involved and the number of Iraqi journalists in the media center ASSOCIAZIONE DELLA STAMPA ESTERA IN ITALIA SEDE CENTRAL in Rome on 3-31-2009.



The representatives of the Tammuz Organization for Social Development and the future of Iraqi democracy Network and the effective role contributing to the solidarity initiative enriching activities and access to the final report and recommendations and then the press conference was to answer questions from reporters after his announcement of the final statement of the initiative, which include it below:

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## The final report of the solidarity of the Iraqi civil society

1 - union - were active in human rights - the rights of women - members of youth and student associations - members of associations and non-governmental organizations - journalists - representatives of the minorities - women and men - citizens of Iraq and the international civil society, including the United States of America, Europe and Asia met in the neighborhood Viltre in Rome from 25-30 March 2009. This was the discussion on the challenges faced by the Iraqi civil society is trying to continue to build a free and democratic Iraq and to strengthen alliances and the development of cooperation.

2 - We got to know above all that in Iraq a civil society activist and is committed to moving in the depth of the problems still facing Iraq after 6 years of the beginning of the occupation ...

Humanitarian situation is difficult - Illiteracy - lack of freedoms - Human rights violations - violations of the rights of workers - the political sectarianism.

3 - Iraqi civil society made up of thousands of organizations and networks and all the volunteers are committed to addressing all these problems daily suggestions - their - their - pressure - strike - demonstrations - their movements - and cultural initiatives.

Civil society deserves to win its place at the international level, an important actor in the development of the Iraqi situation and to obtain concrete support from the Iraqi civil society.

4 - The activities of civil society organizations face considerable obstacles... Violence - political problems - a sectarian distribution of political and weak capacities of organizations - the freedom to form associations and organizations, trade unions and communities - and that media freedom is not guaranteed. We are busy because of these freedoms is the essence of democracy.

5 - during these days was to discuss all the great challenges of building a democratic, free Iraq with a rule by the Iraqi and international participants. Discussions were serious and increased the value of differences. On this basis, will continue to Iraqi civil society organizations working to strengthen development cooperation and the establishment of new initiatives.

6 - the most important result of the discussions, for international participants a deeper knowledge of the Iraqi situation can organizations and activists from Europe, America and Asia for the development of more effective initiatives of the two Iraqi colleagues and other important result was to build relationships and intimate knowledge of the establishment of mutual contacts and joint activities in the future.

To activate the role of the Iraqi civil society organizations to address the challenges referred to above and the role of international partners, and then propose a set of recommendations for the expansion of networks and alliances, and further support the invitation of the Iraqi and international organizations to participate.

A - Support awareness-raising campaigns through the international issues which have brought the Iraqis:

- An international signature campaign for a law protecting the freedoms of association and non-governmental organizations.
- a campaign to advocate the rights of workers and the abolition of resolution 150, which prohibits the public sector workers the right to organize trade unions.
- A campaign to strengthen the position of women in society and the abolition of term 41 of the Iraqi Constitution.

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- Establishment of a union campaign for human rights defenders.
- A campaign to strengthen the role of young people to participate in the political process.
- A campaign to advocate the rights of minorities

B - Cooperation for capacity-building of Iraqi civil society organizations:

- training on the topics were mentioned by the organizations said.
- building the capacity of liaison with the project funded and to provide them.

C - the development of projects and networks to build peace and develop the mechanism of non-violence and reconciliation of internal and other essential topics have been referred to the Iraqi organizations to participate in the conference.

D. To develop and strengthen communication ..... The development of the Internet, especially the initiative of solidarity to the Iraqi civil society in both English and Arabic. And the formation of working groups by e-mail (on the privatization and peace-building ..... etc.).

E - The network and continue to develop the mechanism to regulate the social forum Iraqis.



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