



conferencia internacional
de la **resistencia política** iraquí

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DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS
IN THE GIJON CONFERENCE ON THE IRAQI POLITICAL RESISTANCE TO
OCCUPATION

The Spanish state and the European Union have lost a historic opportunity to play a vital role in opening discussions with the Iraqi Resistance, through the political groups that support it. We believe these movements are authentic and democratic representatives of key sections of the Iraqi people, who have expressed their desire to live in a free and sovereign Iraq.

Due to undemocratic pressure from the Spanish state and threats of violence from the Iraqi government which was put in power by the U.S. occupation, the organizers of a conference in Gijón, Asturias, Spain were forced to cancel a conference aimed at opening these discussions.

The current Iraqi regime is completely based upon occupation rule. This regime is constructed on corruption and plunder and on a sectarian and ethnic divide of Iraqi society that was itself imposed by the occupation and which now threatens extinction of some of the smaller minorities. In addition, the seven-year long U.S. occupation has destroyed the Iraqi state, its economy, its educational and health care systems and the Iraqi infrastructure, and threatens to destroy the entire fabric of Iraqi society.

One horrible example of the above was the U.S. use of depleted uranium and white phosphorus weapons, resulting in birth defects and miscarriages, genetic damages, cancer and a poisoned environment.

Because of the above crimes of the occupation and the puppet regime, we support the Resistance in all its forms – political, cultured, civil and armed – and we recognize only the Iraqi Resistance as the legal and legitimate representative of the Iraqi people following Art. 51 of the U.N. Charter, containing the right of individual and collective self-defense and the UN General Assembly resolution 33/24 1978 which reaffirms ; " ... the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial domination and foreign occupation by all means available, particularly armed struggle".

We thank the Governance of the Autonomous Region of Asturias and the Municipality of Gijón for their courage to host the conference of the Iraqi political resistance and for their hospitality. This is a fine example of international solidarity.

Despite the cancellation of this conference, those who came to participate and who sign this statement agree to continue their work in supporting and building solidarity with the Iraqi Resistance, giving support to the following points:

.1 We demand unconditional total and immediate withdrawal of all troops and mercenaries and the payments of reparations for the damages of the invasion and occupation.

- .2 It is necessary to preserve a sovereign and unified Iraq.
- .3 The international rule of law must be implemented to prevent a continuing cycle of violence and destruction.
- .4 We demand the respect for human life and dignity, the release of all political prisoners in Iraqi jails and the end of the death penalty.
- .5 We salute and fully support the Iraqi Resistance's accomplishment of establishing political unity.

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