

First Stakeholders' Conference recommendations:

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1. Expedite the formation of the Independent Commission for Human Rights
2. Establish a committee of human rights stakeholders with a mission to disseminate a culture of human rights
3. Activate the role of civil society organizations working on human rights and facilitate their work, especially when it comes to obtaining the ministries' approval
4. Hold celebrations to mark Human Rights day, sponsored by the Iraq Foundation and all other participating NGOs as well as other civil society organizations, parliamentarians and representatives of various international organizations operating in Iraq
5. Involve the Ministry of Human Rights in IF's human rights coalition.
6. Promote the inclusion of the human rights subject in schools curricula.
7. Train various educational departments and institutions on human rights, particularly those working in elementary schools
8. Establish a hotline or web site to report and publication of human rights violations or to inquire about specific cases
9. Disseminate folders and brochures to educate on human rights and human rights organizations
10. Build government official's capacity in human rights issues
11. Establish cultural centers that raise awareness about human rights
12. Revitalize the activities of human rights committee and social safety nets to work on the establishment of a social security system
13. Train and shelter women recently released from prison, and support widows and divorced women in all governorates of Iraq through coordinating with women's organizations active in their areas
14. Encourage collaboration between the state institutions -and their relevant human rights departments- and organizations working in the field of human rights
15. Building a database on human rights violation
16. Ask the government to allocate an annual budget for civil society organizations as a fixed percentage of the state budget
17. Press the Iraqi government to ratify the international conventions relating to human rights, that Iraq has not ratified yet.
18. Involve civil society organizations in the parliamentary sessions as a form of transparency
19. Form a delegation -composed of human rights coalition members and representatives from the human rights committee in Parliament and from the Ministry of Human Rights- to visit the Prime Minister to suggest establishing the a week in support of human rights in Iraq. This week would be celebrated annually at the same date and would be covered by all type of media outlets who would raise awareness about human rights through, roundtable, conferences and ads. That week would conclude with a national or international conference that brings together regional and local personalities as well as eminent human rights experts to benefit from their expertise in the area of human rights.