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Principles for Regaining National Sovereignty

The editorial of Tareeq Al-Shaab, the central organ of Iraqi CP, in its weekly edition 23-29 May, dealt with the issue of restoring national sovereignty and the mechanisms for achieving this under the prevalent circumstances in Iraq.

It pointed out that the transfer of power from the occupation authority, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), to the Iraqi interim government on 30 June 2004, should take into consideration the following principles:

- The transfer to Iraqi ministries full authority to run their own affairs, and draw up policies, plans and specific programs as pertaining to each ministry. This is to be carried out in collaboration with various sectors at all levels to ensure the provision of basic services to all citizens, and the reinvigoration of economic activity and necessary prioritisation therein.
- Full control by the Iraqi Government over all elements of the Armed Forces and internal security organs, as well as measures to transfer responsibility for security to the Iraqis and relevant bodies, which need to be promptly and effectively formed, trained and equipped in order to carry out their tasks fully.
- Enabling the Iraqi Government to control all of Iraq's financial resources public property and land. The Iraqi Government shall freely exercise this right fully in the service of the Iraqi people.
- The importance and necessity of upholding the tenets of the Transitional Administrative Law for the Iraqi State insofar as it pertains to the long-term agreements and decrees issued by the CPA.

At "Sovereignty and Democracy" Conferences :Iraqi CP Calls for Big UN Role in Political Process

The General Conference for Sovereignty and Democracy was held in Baghdad on Friday 28 May 2004, concluding thereby a series of conferences organised in several governorates by the Iraqi Council for Peace and Solidarity.

The Conference was attended by hundreds of people representing various patriotic political parties and social, intellectual and tribal groups. Mr Al-Akhdar al-Ibrahimi, the envoy of UN Secretary General, was among participants, along with leading political figures, among them comrade Hamid Majid Mousa (Iraqi CP leader), Mr Masoud Barzani (Kurdistan Democratic Party leader), Dr Adnan Pachachi, and several members of the Governing Council and ministers.

Comrade Mousa and a Communist Party delegation had attended an earlier conference held in the city of Arbil during 15-16 May, under the slogan "Full Sovereignty is the Basis for Democracy". More than 650 figures, representing the whole political and social spectrum in Iraqi Kurdistan, attended. Among those