



## **Iraqi Women Network calls on the ICI Conference:**

- 1- In order for ICI to be effective, the implementation and review of the Compact should be based on **the principle of transparency and accountability** towards the Iraqi people and international community,
- 2- Ensure that the Iraqi constitution consider the **International conventions of human rights** as one of the national legislation references.
- 3- Enhancing the principle of citizenship and equality before law for all citizens without discrimination, by ridding the constitution from all articles and items of sectarian nature in the constitution's preamble and texts, **including article (41)**, to avoid the dedication of sectarianism, nurturing terrorism and sectarian violence, planting hatred and disparity amongst the components of Iraqi society, now and in the long run.
- 4- Creating a healthy atmosphere to empower women to achieve gender equality, providing them with equal opportunities in all fields, widening their participation in the decision making places at different levels, with a **quota not less than 25%**, for the new cabinet, and elected councils,
- 5- The ICI and international community to make a priority to **provide financial assistance for Iraqi civil society organizations and women groups** in accordance with UNSCR 1325, to fund their advocacy and lobbying activities and campaigns on violence against women
- 6- Acknowledge **the experiences of Iraqi women groups, especially the Kurdistan women organizations** in peace building, national reconciliation, reconstruction, and national development in accordance with UNSC Resolution 1325,
- 7- In order to assure the active partnership of civil society organizations, in implementing and monitoring ICI objectives, it is necessary for **Iraqi government to adopt the draft legislation on NGOs**, assuring NGOs' independence, freedoms, and free access to information,
- 8- Demanding to establish legal protection system, shelters, necessary health and social care for vulnerable women groups, especially widows and victims of violence, and lobbying for **drafting a law on violence against women**, alongside with enhancing rule of law, equality, and justice in Iraq,
- 9- To assign a **gender advisor in the diplomatic missions in Iraq**, in order to follow up the ICI objectives and commitments on gender mainstreaming and respect of human rights in Iraq.
- 10- **For the next revision of the ICI implementation, NGOs and women groups should take part in the monitoring and evaluation process,**