



conferencia internacional
de la **resistencia política** iraquí

GIJÓN, 18-20 DE JUNIO DE 2010



DECLARATION OF SUPPORT
To the International Conference on the Iraqi Political Resistance
“Iraq, Sovereignty and Democratic Reconstruction”

On June 18 – 20, Gijón will host the first public, international, united meeting of the main currents in the Iraqi resistance; those who are united in the project of full recovery of Iraq’s sovereignty and an integrated, social, democratic, non-sectarian reconstruction of its institutions.

This meeting is transformative for Iraq’s future since there, a hopeful alternative will be created and proposed to put an end to that country’s desolate future. A Declaration in which these Iraqi groups demonstrate their commitment to a search through dialogue for effective solutions to the serious situation Iraq is experiencing, will result from the meeting in Gijón (which will be followed afterwards by various activities in Madrid on Monday, June 21). These are solutions that can only be realized through the full recovery of Iraqi sovereignty and based on its most important legacy, that which is found in an integrated and hard-working society, endlessly courageous in the face of the adversity of its recent history. Acknowledging the legitimacy of the resistance in the face of occupation, the Declaration from Gijón will include a condemnation of indiscriminate terrorist acts against civilians: resistance is not terrorism.

This initiative will be carried out more than three months after the legislative elections of March 7th in Iraq. As might have been expected, these elections, which despite their limitations – confirmed the Iraqi people’s desire for change, do not address the country’s future. To the contrary, the manipulation of the ballots, the foreseeable formation of a sectarian government linked to Iran, and renewed terror, force the international community to open a deep and honest debate over what is derived from Iraq and the suffering of the Iraqi people.

In this sense, the Spanish government has a unique opportunity today to listen to those who cannot be excluded from Iraq’s future, and to search for an effective and just solution to the crisis generated by the occupation, which on balance has been frightening. For this reason, while we demonstrate our personal support of this initiative, we encourage its support by every institution in every arena, recovering the spirit shown in 2003, of mobilization against the war and solidarity with the Iraqi people.

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