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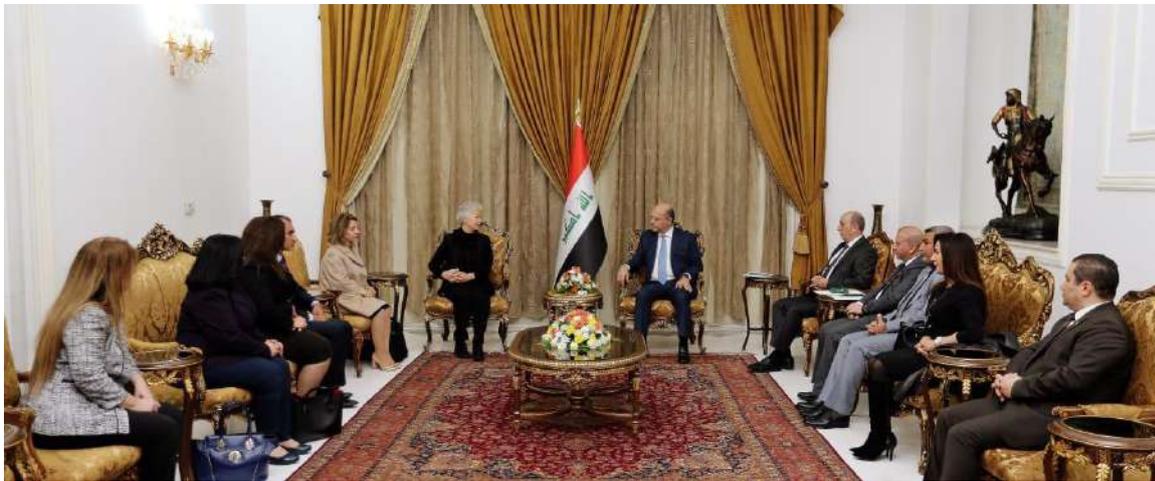
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Press release

Meeting Dr. Barham Salih, President of the Republic of Iraq

EuroMed Feminist Initiative (EFI) and the Cross Sector Task Force (CSTF) Coordinating Committee chaired by Suzan Aref had a meeting with the President of the Republic of Iraq H.E. Dr. Barham Salih on 17 December 2018 at the Presidential Office in Baghdad. Click [here](#) to view the photo album and [here](#) to read about the meeting on the Iraqi Presidency website.



During the meeting, they discussed the implementation of the Iraq National Action Plan for Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security, in addition to sharing views on the situation of women and women's rights under the present circumstances.

H.E. Dr. Barham Salih praised and commended the great efforts made by the CSTF in developing, implementing and reporting on the NAP 1325 as well as the support of EuroMed Feminist Initiative of the whole process. The President emphasized the need to promote the status of Iraqi women, stressing his interest and support for women to play their meaningful role in the society and exercise their rights. Moreover, he underlined his recognition of the women's momentous sacrifices in various stages and periods of time, notably their resistance to the forces of terrorism, patience, and steadfastness in the face of the obscurantist ideas of the terrorists organization, so called ISIS.

Ms. Boriana Jonsson, the executive director of EuroMed Feminist Initiative, expressed EFI's pride and honor to have supported the work of the Cross Sector Task Force throughout the whole process of development, implementation and reporting of the National Action Plan on UNSCR1325. Ms. Jonsson affirmed EFI's commitment to continue supporting and assisting the CSTF in the development of Iraq Second National Plan on UNSCR 1325 through the 2-year multi-country project "Strengthening access to protection, participation and services for women refugees, IDPs and host communities in Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan", funded by The European Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the "EU MADAD Fund.



Ms. Suzan Aref, coordinator of CSTF presented Iraq report on the implementation of the NAP on UNSCR 1325 and underlined the major achievements of the Cross Sector Task Force. She highlighted the importance of NAP 1325 as a major tool to improve the conditions of women in Iraq.