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March 3, 2010 – As Iraqis worldwide prepare to cast their votes for their choice of candidates in the upcoming Iraqi election in a few days, the Assyrian Universal Alliance is pleased to see several Assyrian candidates vying for Iraqi parliamentary seats, and is cautiously optimistic about the outcome of this election.

The Assyrian Universal Alliance encourages each Iraqi, whether inside the country or in the Diaspora, to participate in this election and cast a vote as led by his or her own conscience. We especially encourage all eligible Assyrians, who are the indigenous people of Iraq, to participate in this election and cast their votes.

In the meantime, we urge the government of Iraq to provide all necessary security so that voters can participate in this election freely and with ease of mind, and safeguard their votes from tampering post collection. We especially bring to the attention of the Iraqi government the precarious and complicated security situation of the Assyrians where they have been targets of escalating violence, systematic attacks and uprooting from their ancestral lands. As a result a considerable segment of the Assyrian population has been displaced, fleeing these heinous acts. We call on the government of Iraq to ensure that these Iraqi citizens are given the opportunity to cast their vote, ensuring that they are not disenfranchised.

The Assyrian Universal Alliance, in accordance with its fourth pillar of ideology, which states One Homeland for One Nation, applauds all candidates who advocate, support and call for the establishment of an Assyrian autonomous region encompassing the Assyrian ancestral lands, as an integral part of the Federal Republic of Iraq and under the jurisdiction of its central government.

We encourage our people to be diligent in choosing for whom they cast their votes as their decision during this election will be fundamental to facilitating the establishment of the Assyrian region.

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