

## **Annex 2: Agreement with Speaker of Parliament (English translation)**

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Dear Mr. Dr. Salim Al-Jabouri, Speaker of Parliament

To start with, we would like to congratulate you for being selected as Speaker of Parliament. We wish you success in managing the work of the Parliament, and in activating its role in legislation as well as its monitoring role in what contributes to refining the democratic process in Iraq.

The Iraqi Al-Amal Association in cooperation with Hivos, which is a Dutch NGO, started to implement the Women Power in Politics Program early this year. The first phase of the project had been completed and included:

- Organization of two Training of Trainers workshops, for which the trainers were carefully selected. They were trained by an Iraqi and a Dutch trainer, specialized in training female and male politicians.
- Training of more than 800 female candidates before the Parliamentary elections, as the first phase of the project.
- Training of more than 300 female candidates as advanced phase.
- We organized more than 60 debates for female candidates with communities in their provinces.
- Training of media workers (of both sexes) and encouragement of voters to vote for female candidates.

The second phase of the project will include:

- Training of 40-50 new-coming female MPs in two groups (of 20-50 females MPs) and each group will receive two training workshops (4-6 days for each training). These training workshops will be carried out by trainers (of both sexes) from the Arab region on the following topics:
  - Gender based balance,
  - Human rights and gender issues
  - Leadership, management and conflict management
- Dialogue and experience exchange among the new-coming female MPs and old ones inside the Iraqi parliament. This will help them to be involved in the working environment of the Iraqi parliament in an effective way.
- Organization of a visit of 3-4 Dutch female MPs to Baghdad, to meet you and the presidency office and some of the committees and political blocs inside the Iraqi Parliament, and also to meet with the female MPs in order to exchange experiences with the Dutch Parliament.

We hope that you approve implementing this project which will contribute to improved performance of the Iraqi female MPs and to making their contribution even more effective in the work for the Council.

Best regards,

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