

Governorates (Ninewa, Anbar, Salah al-Din, Kirkuk, Diyala, Basra) / Office of the Governor

Subject: Recommendations of the Workshop on the Evaluation of the Joint Coordination Forum (JCF)

Greetings,

With reference to the workshop on the "Evaluation of the Joint Coordination Forum (JCF)" held in Erbil Governorate on 23/02/2025 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations / Resident Coordinator, the following was decided:

1. The Joint Coordination Forum shall continue to operate in the six governorates (Ninewa, Anbar, Salah al-Din, Kirkuk, Diyala, Basra), holding quarterly meetings (every three months) to review the implementation status of previous recommendations and the challenges faced. These meetings shall be attended by representatives of the International Relations Department at the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers. A broader meeting shall be convened at the end of this year to assess the feasibility of continuing the forum.
2. Priority in the coming months shall be given to the file of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees from Al-Hol camp in Syria to encourage their voluntary return to their liberated areas. A status report should be prepared on the areas currently closed to return, the number of displaced persons there, and the requirements for their return. This will be discussed in dedicated meetings.
3. Finalize durable solutions plans for IDPs in the liberated governorates, including statistics on the number of remaining IDPs in camps inside and outside Iraq, challenges impeding return, compensation, return grants, livelihoods, mines, civil documentation, and social cohesion.
4. Include the topic of sustainable development in the agenda of the quarterly committee meetings to review major projects of committee members from both the governmental and international sides.
5. Engage active civil society organizations and the private sector in the committee's meetings to contribute to meeting the needs of the governorates that cannot be fulfilled by the government budget or international organizations.
6. The office of the Deputy Governor or Assistant Governor for NGO Affairs in the governorates shall take on the role of the JCF Secretariat from the government side.

Amendment to Paragraph (6):

The office of the Technical Deputy Governor or Assistant Governor for NGO Affairs in the governorates shall undertake the Secretariat duties of the JCF on behalf of the government. The Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) in the governorate shall be responsible for coordinating the committee's meeting minutes and following up on recommendations with the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.

Kindly be informed and take the necessary actions as appropriate.

Copies to:

1. **General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers / Office of the Secretary-General:** With reference to the Secretary-General's approval based on your memo No. (6130) dated 12/3/2025 – with appreciation.
2. **United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI):** With reference to your memo No. (N/A) dated 9/3/2025 – for information and to follow up with UNDP and IOM on the possibility of assuming the Secretariat role for the JCF in the aforementioned governorates on behalf of the international side (especially as they are key partners working on the displacement file) – with appreciation.
3. **United Nations Development Programme / Resident Representative's Office:** For information – with appreciation.
4. **International Organization for Migration / Chief of Mission's Office:** For information – with appreciation.
5. **General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers / Office of the Secretary-General / International Relations Department:** For follow-up – with appreciation.
6. **General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers / Administrative and Financial Department / Central Mail Section:** For archiving.