

Speech of the Vice President Dr. khudier Al- Khuzaie at the Third Arab-African Summit

The Vice President of the Republic Dr. Khudeir Al-Khuzai confirmed Iraq's entrenched positions towards the conflict issues in the region , and his eagerness to consolidate peace to focus on economic and social development within the countries of the region and in the relations of States with each other .This came during His Excellency speech in the Third Arab-African Summit held in Kuwait from 18 to 20 of November 2013, The following is the text of the speech :

In the name of Allah the Merciful

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, Esquire Prince of the State of Kuwait ...

Mr. Haley Marimden Salen, Esquire Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia ..

Your Majesties, Excellences and Highnesses..

Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allah...

I am pleased to start by extending my sincere gratitude to Kuwait's Prince , government and people for the warm reception, hospitality and patronage of this conference and wish his and it all the success.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Groupings and associations of regional and international reserves effectiveness and vitality of its constituent countries and reflect the will of their people in constructive communication, dialogue and solidarity in order to meet the challenges and the difficulties and the problems that stand in its way towards development, progress and prosperity in all areas. This conference is a station in the march of the Arab - African cooperation programs aimed at the adoption of development and investment deals with the citizen, the society and the state in the Arab world and Africa, and enhances the chances of success of economic integration, exchange and enrichment of cultures and civilizations between them.

To overcome and triumph over what faces most of our peoples and nations from the slow development, a lack of services, the use of non-rational and inefficient of enormous economic wealth as well as the phenomena of armed violence and terrorism are subject of this successful summit trying to, Allah willing, bridge its gaps that Arab African development programs lack with content and clear philosophy in the integration of social forces and the transformation of this philosophy to a dynamics one. However, continuous and sophisticated, in order for the peoples of the region to break free from the idea of absurd conflicts, whether those conflicts interfaces between the states or other conflicts within the people and the culture or multicultural in the same country or between social marginalized forces and their governments when they do not find a room in the authority or decision or even to live in dignity that then be converted to the peoples of expatriate and conflicting cultures and kegs of violence from legitimacy that may result in a veiled or open confrontation between the state and society. The tragic result for the isolation of state from society leading to the breaking down, which everyone stands aghast before seeing its repercussions collapse of the state in a number of African and Arab countries and the difficulty of finding alternative due to the lack of entrenchment of the concept of the institution of legal rationality in the modern Arab and the African state which itself a result of the deeper reason that the lack of standardization of legal ideology for the individual in the matrix of society and in the relationship of this community with the state within the framework of serious cooperation that crystallize the vocabulary of joint liability between them.

As you know, the concept of modern cooperation to more than just a fend off the damage of war or preventing it or giving vent to frustrations of civil wars to the process of a broad integration that contributes to the economy, culture, arts, literature and religious dialogue imagination in creatively that can explore the factors of progress and civilization in any society and culture and work to develop and highlight this development and in that protruding harbor melts the factors of rivalry and senseless wars.

We believe in Iraq and share that with us whom we had met from our brothers and friends that a broad prospects between the two systems of Arab and African countries can ensure an integration projects that the people and the general public can benefit from in the countries of the two systems, especially in the areas of energy and investment, children and women rights, transportation, the development of cultural cooperation, trade and education systems, especially the compulsory education. We also believe that the integration of efforts of our brothers working in the Arab League and the African Union hand in hand with experts enables them to draw the realistic and possible horizon at the same time to the aspects of cooperation between the two systems. As emerging problems pushing toward humanitarian solutions formulas to the problems of immigration, especially those labeled illegitimate, and ending poverty, which constitutes an implicit condemnation of those in charge as Allah has created resources and livelihood for all humans and the remainder is subject to good administration, organization and achieving justice.

And Iraq , who was a member of the Standing Follow-up Committee on the formulation of laws and decisions and their implementation in the first Afro-Arab Summit welcomes all efforts of Arab and African and the solidarity with them to support the integrated development projects and focus especially on the categories of oppressed and marginalized component for incorporation into the political and social life .

Brothers and sisters...

The historical ties, common destiny and long heritage between the Arab and African requires us to move quickly and continuously towards openness and build bridges among ourselves by creating strategic relationships that enable us to achieve what our peoples hope for, Arab and African countries , especially in the economic sphere, where is the African land resources available , which is its people expected to form a third of the world's population by the end of this century as well as it comprises about the two-thirds of the Arab people and a vital part of a broad Arab territory stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea throughout the desert .

Therefore, the integration between the Arab and African economies could pose Winding in the march of the region, the security and prosperity of their people by neutralizing the political disputes that affect the process of cooperation and integration.

As we've glimpse in the horizon of the two Arab and African systems up towards the forces of youth, women's and civil society and the forces of moderate religious reform are all kegs to the philosophy of cooperation and integration and investment within a single country and between systems, regional, including the Arab-African cooperation, which has all the conditions for success, growth and prosperity. Also the success of this integration slams the door in the face of the extreme forces that pose an extra problem that should be considered a double problems that ranging from two factors of global cultural system and tumbling sustainable development, and here we should applauded some of the development of the relationship between the two political organizations of the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity , especially in the field of economic, financial and technical since the seventies of the last century , after rising oil imports in the Arab countries and then allocated part of it to contribute to the process of economic and social development in Africa as the institutions of Arab and international support for African countries such as Arab technical Aid, the Arab Bank for economic Development in Africa, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the Arab Fund to provide loans to African countries in addition to the funds the various national including the Iraqi Development Fund of Foreign Affairs, all aimed to help African countries in the areas of economic and technical .

We hope that this Summit mark a beginning of real institutional for continuing Arab-African dialogue in all fields and held joint meetings on a regular basis to follow up the implementation of recommendations aimed at promoting investment and trade between

the Arab and African countries and the coordination of investment policies and improve it environment in addition to strengthen it in other areas.

Ladies and gentlemen...

Since 2003, The government of Iraq took real steps to reform the national economy , and began in 2006 to legislate the investment law which provided sufficient guarantees and benefits that encouraging for investors , which led to new investment to Iraq, especially in the field of natural resources. Therefore, it is expected to double oil production over the next three years which will provide substantial financial resources which allow us to provide more assistance to African countries in addition to what had been provided during the past years and this will necessarily lead to the creation of common interests and bilateral relations for the benefit of a distinct Arab and African countries alike. Iraq also sought to rehabilitate the infrastructure and various economic fields requires an open communication channels of political and economic cooperation with countries of the world , especially the African countries to further cooperation in various fields in light of availability of huge material capabilities that provide the suitable environment to deepen the bonds of integration and economic cooperation between Iraq and the brotherly countries through the use of human resources and the technical expertise of the African workforce that we need.

Accordingly, through this conference, we hope to achieve the following: -

- 1 - Strengthening cooperation between Arab and African countries for the South-South cooperation and to achieve the desired by our societies and peoples of the legitimate aspirations of development.
- 2 - Encourage and support national financial institutions and multilateral organizations to provide technical and financial assistance for development projects and infrastructure projects in Africa by supporting and lending African Development Banks to increase their financial resources as well as increasing resources of Arabic bank for Economic Development in Africa.
- 3- Encourage investment and the employment of Arabic money in Africa and coordination among the Arab countries in the field of Arab financial support for the African people.
- 4 - Increase bilateral aid provided by Arab and national financial institutions to African countries and encourages Arab African technical cooperation.
- 5 - Facilitate the movement of African skilled labor to rich Arab countries.
- 6 - Establishment of a preferential African Arab trade area and encourage the establishment of a joint trade fairs for businessmen and investors, Arabs and Africans.

7 – Focusing on providing food security and to promote Arab-African cooperation to meet the necessary requirements in this vital area and to encourage two-way trade between the Arab and African countries and support the private sector to contribute to it.

8 - Strive to address the root causes of the conflicts and violence in the Arab and African countries by achieving prosperity for peoples and coordination between the Arab and African countries to fight terrorism and violence in all its forms.

9 - Formation of committees to follow up on the decisions of the conference and put them into practice.

Finally, we look forward to this blessed meeting to contribute in strengthening the bonds of cooperation and coordination to open promising prospects for future relations of Arab - African exceeded what we missed in the previous stage due to any shortcomings or shortening in this area.

Allah Crown success...

Peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings.