

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education: LLB of Law – College of Law and Politics, Baghdad University-1978
Diploma- International law and diplomacy, Institute of Foreign Service-Baghdad, 1980

Languages: English (Fluent), Arabic (mother tongue), French (basic knowledge).

Professional Experience:

- **1999-2003:** Member of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office- Geneva, in charge of files related to the legal affairs, in particular, Follow-up the work of the International Law Commission (ILC), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC). He had worked closely with international legal firms which represented Iraq in numerous legal cases especially within the work of the Compensation Commission. Member of the legal expert team in charge of the preparation and elaboration of the legal defenses against those cases. In addition, he was in charge of the Economic Affairs, in particular the activities and meetings of the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and its main bodies, the activities of the International Trade Centre (ITC).
- **1994-1999:** Head of both, the International Water Division and the Division of International Borders Affairs at the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Baghdad. focusing on the legal and technical aspect of using the International Rivers, directing the division task to collate and reviewing information, documents, treaties in this field. Representing the Ministry in national and International Conferences related to the water issues, prepare and presenting, statements, papers in this respect. He was member of the working group in the elaborating of the convention of the international watercourses in the sixth committee of the UN 1996-1997. also member of the working group in the elaborating the fresh water strategy within the ECOSOC, UN 1998. As regard the work of the Division of International Borders Affairs, the main task was to deal with the issues related to the Iraqi borders with neighboring countries. Represented the Foreign Ministry in the negotiations in this respect, the application, interpretation of the international treaties and agreements related to the border issues. Prepare legal notes and papers in this regard.
- **1986-1990:** Consul of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq- Seoul, South Korea.
- **1980- 1986:** Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Baghdad, working in various field of the legal department, gaining experience in many topics, from matters related to the implementation of the foreign service law to negotiating and the procedure of joining or ratifying treaties, bilateral and international

agreement, the relation with ICRC with regard POWs and Refugees.

Teaching experience

- **1994-1999:** Lecturer at Baghdad University on International water issues, International Humanitarian Law, International Organizations.
- **1979-1980:** Lecturer, College of Education, Baghdad University, focusing on issues within international law and International Humanitarian Law,

International Conferences and Meetings:

- Member of the Union of Arab Jurists to the meetings and conferences of Human Rights bodies in Geneva 2003-2008.
- Delegate to the all sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), held in Geneva from July 1999 to October, 2003, as well as all the Oral Proceedings (Claims hearing) held in that period.
- Delegate to the 46, 47, 48 and 49 Sessions of the Trade and Development board of UNCTAD and to the sessions of the main committees of UNCTAD, Geneva 1999-2003.
- The Fifth session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and related rights, Geneva, 7-11 Nov. 2001.
- The Thirty- Sixth meetings of the Assemblies of the Member states of WIPO, Geneva 24 Sep. - 3 Oct.2001.
- The Sixth session of the working group on Minorities, Human Rights Commission- May 2000, Geneva.
- The WIPO Forum on Private International Law and Intellectual Property, Geneva, 30- 31, Jan. 2001.
- The Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performance, Geneva, 7- 20 Dec. 2000.
- The WIPO International Conference on Dispute Resolution in Electronic Commerce, 6 - 7, Nov. 2000.
- The Fifth session of the working group on Minorities, Human Rights Commission- May 2000, Geneva.
- The Fourth session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and related rights, Geneva, 11- 14 Apr. 2000.
- The meetings held in Geneva (1999- 2000) of the preparatory committee of (UNCTAD X) held in Bangkok 2000.
- The 55, 56, 57 and 58 sessions of Human Rights Commission, Geneva 1999- 2002.
- The Thirty- Fourth meetings of the Assemblies of the Member states of WIPO, Geneva 20-29 Sep. 1999.
- The WIPO International Conference on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property – Geneva Sep. 14-16. 1999.
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- The high-level segment of the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development related to Freshwater Strategy, United Nations, New York, May 1998.

- The Sixth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to elaborate the Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management, United Nations, New York, April 1998.
- The World Water Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, September 1997.
- The fifth session of the Commission on Sustainable development to prepare for the special session of the United Nations General Assembly, United Nations, New York, April 1997.
- The first and second sessions of the Sixth Committee and member of the working group in charge of the elaboration of the Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, United Nations, New York, Oct. 1996 and Mar. 1997.
- The meetings of the Iraqi-Syrian joint committee on Water and Borders issues, in Baghdad and Damascus, 1993 -1999

Compensation,

- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of the First, Second and Third instalment of the Environmental claims before the UNCC, Geneva, Jan. 2000, Mar. 2002, Mar. 2003.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Kuwaiti Investment Authority (KIA) claims UN- Geneva, Sep.2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Saudi oil sectors claims, UN- Geneva, Jan. 2001, Sep. 2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Kuwaiti Airline Company claim, UN-Geneva, Aug.2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Defence claims, UN-Geneva, Apr.2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Iranian oil sector's claim, UN- Geneva. Jan.2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Turkey oil sector's claim, UN- Geneva, Jan. 2001.
- Member of the Iraqi delegation to the Oral proceedings (Claims Hearing) of Kuwaiti oil sector's claims, UN-Geneva 1999-2001.

Committees:

- Member of the Iraqi Legal Expert groups in charge of preparing the Iraqi legal defences against Environmental claims before the United Nations compensation Committee 1999-2003.
- Member of the Iraqi-Syrian Joint Committee on International Water Issues 1994-1999.
- Member of the Iraqi National Committee of the stolen Antiquities 1994-1999.
- Member of the Iraqi-Syrian Joint Committee on Border Issues 1993-1999.
- Member of the Iraqi national Committee on International Water Issues 1993-1999.
- Member of the Iraqi National Committee of Shat al-Arab waterway 1993-1998.

Working papers and published studies:

- Several paper, statements, reports and presentation with regard the situation in Iraq after the invasion and occupation.
- Position Paper on Enhanced participation of Iraq in the proceedings of the United Nations Compensation commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2002.
- Disputes Settlement under the WIPO Mediation and Arbitration Centre, Legal Dep. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2002.
- The work of the United Nations Compensation Commission- Iraq Position, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2001.
- The Divisions of Water in the International Law, handbook, published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Irrigation- Baghdad. 1999.
- The problems of International Water in Arab Countries, Bayt al-Hikma Journal, Baghdad, 1999.
- The Utilisation of the Euphrates and Tigris Water in the International Law, Bayt al-Hikma, Baghdad- 1998.
- The impact of Water issue on the relations between Iraq, Syria and Turkey, Journal of Strategic Studies, Baghdad University, Baghdad, 1998.
- The United Nations' Convention on the Non-navigational uses of the Water of International Rivers. Legal Dep. Foreign Ministry, 1997
- The Borders Issues between Iraq and Syria, Legal Dep. of the Foreign Ministry, 1995.
- The role of the International Law commission in developing the rules of using the International Rivers - Legal Dep. of the Foreign Ministry, 1995.
- Iraq and the International efforts to eliminate the International terrorism, Legal dep. of the Foreign ministry, March 1993.
- The role of the United Nations in preventing International Terrorism, Legal dep. of the Foreign ministry, Baghdad 1993.