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Subject: Ilisu Dam

Dear Sirs, Madams

Happy time

With our respects for colleagues in your departments , also hopping your success in your development projects in various countries .

We want to inform you as participants in (project of Ilisu dam construction in Turkey) and on Tigris river ,this will very badly & negatively influence on our people environment ,health, economy...etc in Iraq and as in global meetings recommended to protect downstream countries from bad influences of upstream country projects.

So we encourage you to revise your decision and take in your consideration about 30 Million of people & Millions of hectares agriculture land, livestock, fishery, environment. Highly affectedness and we will follow this subject

Please receive our respects



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Enclosures

Common meeting statement

Copies

Relevant Orgs.

Common meeting statement of Iraq Orgs. to protest Illiso dam construction

We are as a water reservation and environmental Iraqi organizations that our names and signatures have come bellow, we protest on carrying out this project of ILISU Dam that is done by Turkish government and with cooperation three of German companies, one of Austrian company and the other one is Switzerland company. As we know that this project will be bad effect on Iraq, so we prefer to declare four documents on the subject of the rule and principles that Iraq depends on them for getting benefit from Tigris and Euphrates water.

A-In 1923 the pact of Lozan was ratified between Turkey and the allies.

B-the protocol of number (1) is special in organizing of Tigris and Euphrates water, this protocol is attached with the pact of year 1946 of friendship and neighborhood between Iraq and Turkey.

C-On 17th of January, in 1971, the project of (1971) was ratified in Ankara between Iraq and Turkey; this was for the purpose of cooperating in terms of economy and technique.

D- On the subject of cooperating of economy and technique, on 25th of December in 1980 the meeting petition of Iraq-Turkey common committee was ratified in Ankara.

Our population in Kurdistan and whole Iraq will severely be influenced by ILISU Dam project due to the following facts:

Impact effects expected on Iraq and Kurdistan region (northern part of Iraq).

- 1- decreasing of agriculture area due to lack of water more than 696000 hector of the best agricultural areas which Iraq people depend on from north to south Iraq on tigers banks similar to effects of implementation of (GAP) project on Euphrates river on west of Iraq due to low water level caused increase of salinity in soil.
- 2- Environmental effects due to decrease of green areas, natural pastures, increasing further desertized areas which negatively will modify the climate.
- 3- Lack of drinking water for beneficiaries as it happened by (GAP) project on Iraqi west population, but for ILISU dam will affect more due to shortage of Tigers water in Iraq from north to south and producing high pollution, as happened for Euphrates pollution water from the natural rate 800 ppm to 1800 ppm.
- 4- Change the beneficiary from the producer people depending on agriculture , and animal products to customers living in gig cities looking for a non-economic works effects on animal producer numbers especially cows and sheep in our country.
- 5- Affects on rehabilitation of Iraqi marshes which are in need for huge amount of water.
- 6- Electricity product of Mosul dam and Samara dam will be affected also, causing electric power supply lack for hospitality as well as fuel insurance.
- 7- Effect on water level of natural storage which Iraq depends on for draught seasons in Tharthar, & Habanya operting lakes.
- 8- Also will affects badly even on north Arabian gulf as in Kuwait a study was made for fishing, fishes and Robian take Tiger and Euphrates as origin place and then emigrate to Arabian gulf water, negatively on bio-marine environment.

The above is very summarized, brief future suffering criteria on human, environment...etc. Hoping you serious in development manner regarding both Iraq (including Kurdistan) and Syria as coastal boundered right owners for Tigers river.


Thank you fro your positive reply.

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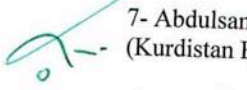



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