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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT:
HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT IN IRAQ
2013 CONFERENCE, BAGHDAD

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you concerning a the higher education conference to be held in Baghdad in late 2013 and organised by the Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED) in Iraq.

I attended the 2012 conference and can honestly say that it was both a pleasant and rewarding experience. The staff of the HCED were extremely helpful, courteous and professional. The leadership and oversight of the HCED Director, Dr Zuhair Humadi, was exceptional. The students who attended the conference were friendly and enthusiastic, with many having since received scholarships to study overseas. In addition, the accommodation, food and venue were more than adequate and appropriate. Together, this all made for a well organised and enjoyable Higher Education conference.

Finally, let me say a few words about the security situation. While security remains an undeniable problem in Iraq, the venue for the conference and accommodation is within the International Zone and is extremely safe. I was picked up and escorted from the airport to my hotel and did not need to leave the IZ during the conference. I never once felt unsafe or compromised in any way.

I therefore have every faith that you will enjoy the 2013 conference and I have no problem recommending it to you. I have every confidence in the HCEDs ability to conduct many more successful higher education conferences in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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