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Independent Constitutional Commission

The ICC, is to help in the constitutional process, not in writing the constitution and thus complement rather than compete with the TNA committee. It is in better position to reach certain segments of the society that are not represented in the TNA.

ICC will have a small core of experts (6-10), with a large (40-50) advisory board drawn from different provinces; they should be people of high standing in their communities, as well as representatives of political entities that are not represented in the TNA, in addition to 3 to 4 representatives from the TNA.

ICC role is to enhance public awareness and understanding the constitutional issues, as well as engaging the social and political elites in a national dialogue about those issues.

Successful constitutional process is an objective by itself, regardless of the constitutional results.

The fact that the government as well as the US administration are in favor of mid August dead line for submitting the draft constitution to the public, makes it imperative that other independent group should reach out for the public.

Bad constitutional process will have negative results on how Iraqis will vote, and may encourage discontented (Sunni) provinces to seize the chance to bring the Government down by voting NO. (they need 2/3 majority in three province).

Shortness of time and lack of fund render the establishment of ICC and its work very difficult. Still with your help we might make a little difference.