I am Saad Sultan Hussain, a rule of law expert. My previous job in Iraq was the head of the prison’s inspection and detention facilities committees from 2003 to 2011.

During my years of practical experience, enforced disappearance was the biggest challenge.

So I’m very interested in your work for adopting such draft Guiding Principles for the Search for Disappeared Persons, and we are extremely appreciative of this great effort

I have a couple notes on this draft Guiding Principles you prepared, which I agree with their articles a lot.

1.Referred to the third principle (The search should be immediate). families of the victims often make sure that the victim disappears after a long time, after spend a lot of time searching the detention facilities one by one, because most countries do not adopt a Central database of arrests, this database, if available, will facilitate the task of the family in obtaining confirmation of the arrest of the victim by official authorities or not. Therefore, It was suggested that the draft guidelines include the following proposed article (States ensure that there is a neutral channel can be used by potential victims' families to get confirmation for the detention of persons by law enforcement, military or security authorities, which has a central database of up-to-date legal detention activates)

2.We have faced in Iraq, special cases which the national legal system were not able to deal with it) Cases of forced disappearance committed by the occupation authorities) I found no articles that could deal with)

3. The proposed guidelines did not include any recommended principles for preserving the memory of the victims to educating future generations < which I think it is part of healing process for families and society.

Please accept my best wishes and good luck in your future endeavours

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