



### **NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

#### **NOMINATION BY IRAQ OF A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. At its Eighty-Fourth Session, the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017), requesting the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council’s behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by no later than 23 June 2017, to enable their consideration at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council.
2. The Permanent Representation of Iraq to the OPCW has submitted to the Chairperson of the Council a note verbale informing him of the nomination by the Government of Iraq of H.E. Ambassador Saywan Sabir Barzani, Permanent Representative of Iraq to the OPCW, as candidate for the position of Director-General.
3. Pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties.

Annex (English only): Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of Iraq to the  
OPCW



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The Permanent Representation of The Republic of Iraq to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Belal and with reference to the letter L/PMO/20893/17 dated 14 march 2017, has the honor to inform that the Government of Iraq has decided to present the nomination of Ambassador Saywan Sabir Barzani for the appointment to the position of Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Saywan Barzani are enclosed herewith.

In this regard, it would be highly appreciated if the Chairperson would inform the State Parties of the nomination of Iraq.

The Permanent Representation of The Republic of Iraq to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

6<sup>th</sup> June , 2017  
The Hague



H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal  
The Chairperson of the Executive Council  
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
The Hague



**SAYWAN BARZANI**

**Personal:**

**Name:** Saywan Sabir Mustafa Barzani

**D.P.O.B.:** February 13, 1972 - Erbil, Iraq

**Marital Status:** Married with four children

**Professional**

- **2016 - present** - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to Kingdom of The Netherlands
- **2016 - present** - Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague (The Netherlands)
- **2015** - Member of the WFP Executive Board Bureau 2015 as Representative of List B State Members
- **2014 - 2015** - Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the FAO and UN Agencies in Rome (Italy)
- **2013 - 2015** - Commissioner General of Iraq for Milan Expo 2015 (Italy)
- **2012 - 2015** - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to the Republic of San Marino
- **2011 - 2015** - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to the Republic of Malta (resident in Rome)
- **2010 - 2015** - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to the Italian Republic
- **2009 - 2010** - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq, Baghdad (Iraq)

- 1998 - 2009 - Kurdistan Regional Government Representative in France
- 1997 - 2009 - Kurdistan Democratic Party Representative in Europe
- 1992 - 1994 - Coordinator, Public Relations Office, Erbil (Iraq)

**International Organizations and NGO working relationships**

Amnesty International, Arab World Institute, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), European Union (EU - Brussels & Strasbourg), Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), France Libertés, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), International Centre for the Study of the Preservation & Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), Kurdish Institute of Paris and Montreal, League of Arab States (LAS), Mission Enfance (Monaco), NATO Defense College, United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), World Food Programme (WFP), and the World Monuments Fund.

**Academic**

- Ph.D. in Political Science “Summa Cum Laude” University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne (France), 2006.
- Master in Political Science, Political Institutional & Public Policies, University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne (France), 2001-2002.
- Bachelor Degree in Political Science, International Relations & Diplomacy University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne (France), 1999-2001.
- University Degree in Political Science, University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne (France), 1998-1999.
- Degree in Law, University of Orléans (France), 1995.

**Languages:** Fluent in Arabic, English, French, Kurdish, Italian and Persian.

**Key Negotiations and Academic Appointments:**

2014 - Honorary Academic appointment at the "Accademia Angelica Costantiniana" (Rome, Italy).

2014 - Lecturer at Università Telematica Internazionale UniNettuno University (UniNettuno).

2000 - Negotiator - Representing Kurdish authorities to joint Geneva Call - Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention (APMBC); signed in 2000, continued collaboration for the demining program in Iraq until 2004.

2000 - Coordinator - Halabja Postgraduate Medical Institute International Conference with Humanitarian Relief Program.

1997 - Coordinator - Inter-Kurdish peace negotiation in Paris.

**Participation at University Conferences & Collaboration :**

- University of Montreal (Canada)
- University of Quebec (Canada)
- University of Orléans (France)
- LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (Italy)
- Second University of Naples, Caserta (Italy)
- University of Udine (Italy)
- Member of the Ph.D. Panel, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France)
- University of Salahaddin, Erbil (Iraq)
- Uninettuno International Telematic University, Rome (Italy)
- University of Florence (Italy)

**Published work:**

- "Kurdistan d'Irak 1918-2008", (Kurdistan of Iraq-1918-2008) Harmattan, Paris, 2008.
- "Géopolitique Actuelle des Kurdes - Iran, Turquie, Irak", (Current Geopolitics of the Kurds in Iran, Turkey and Iraq) EchoGéo, 2008.
- "La Question du Kurdistan Irakien 1991-2005", (The Question of Iraqi Kurdistan 1991-2005) INARI, France, 2006.
- "Confluences Méditerranée" (Mediterranean Confluences) - Paper on Iraq, 2004.

- "La Stratégie des Institutions Politiques du Kurdistan Irakiene » (The Strategy of Kurdish Iranian Political Institutions). - Master Thesis - University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 2002.
- "Foreign Immigration Analysis in France" - Research Paper - University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 1999.