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On invitation of the German Near and Middle East Association and the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

H.E. Alaa Abdul Majid Hussain Al-Hashimy delivered a speech on the current state of the Iraqi economy in the town hall of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg on 26 April, 2005. In his first official speech as ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to Germany he addressed a large audience of some 200 business representatives. The ambassador compared the present situation of his country with the post-war Germany and emphatically appealed to support the reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

H.E. Alaa Abdul Majid Hussain Al-Hashimy lived in Hamburg for many years. He is an architect by education and was politically active for more than 20 years in the European exile. In August 2004 he became the first

Iraqi ambassador to Germany after 13 years. Since the 1991 Gulf War the diplomatic relations between Iraq and Germany had

been downgraded to the level of charge d'affaires.

In his address the ambassador named the huge challenges his country is facing today and left no doubt that German support is essential for accomplishing the difficult tasks.



H.E. Alaa Abdul Majid Hussain Al-Hashimy, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Federal Republic of Germany

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My concern is to explain the present situation in Iraq, to look at

the existing conditions and necessary prerequisites for a better life, one that is worth living for people in Iraq, and to find ways that will lead the country out of its dramatic situation. That is why I am here to give this account.

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