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Theme: Federal system in Iraq and distribution of authorities Pages number: 40

Introduction: 3 pages

- Theme importance and the reasons behind selecting it
- Role of the Iraqi System in the settlement of Democracy and positive relations between all Iraqis
- research plan

Chapter one: What is federalism (10 pages)

- Concept of federalism
- Principles of Federalism and distribution of authorities
 - o Regional Authorities
 - o Participation
- Types of federalism
- International Law
- Examples of existing federal authorities
- Background of Iraqi federalism (Salah Al-Deen declaration; Iraqi opposition; Kurdish parliament resolution in 1992, others)

Chapter two: Federal authorities and their relationship with regional and local authorities (10 pages)

- How federalism was defined in the Iraqi constitution and its gaps
- Current situation in Iraq and available options: one or more federal authority?
- Granted responsibilities and jurisdiction: limited or extended?
 - o Federal Authorities
 - o Regional Authorities

Chapter three: Future of federal system (12 pages)

- Would it lead to establishing small states?
- What is the concept of sovereignty?
- Will jurisdiction expand or shrivel: between confederation and autonomy?
- Can the constitution stipulate this issue? What institutions can and should play roles?



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• Differences between regional and local authorities and their jurisdiction (distribution of authorities). What authorities can be devolved to regions and local authorities while maintaining a unitary state?

Conclusion and Recommendations: (7 pages)

- Options, proposals, recommendations and findings on future of federal system in Iraq
- Strategies to calm the political and legal situation: a Constitutional Convention, Establishing a Law Commission, Postpone Article 118 (Establishment of Regions) and Constitutional Review Process
- References and footnotes