Most Americans and Iraqis will agree that US policy toward Iraq needs to move in a new direction and soon. Like many Americans we are searching for the right course for ourselves and for the Iraqi people, specifically how to responsibly disengage.

What are American responsibilities to the Iraqi people? First and foremost, it is to let Iraqis decide how they govern themselves and let them be stewards of their own natural resources and economy. True sovereignty cannot coexist with occupation, military or economic.

We consequently believe that the US should:

- Withdraw all US, coalition armed forces from Iraq beginning immediately, and renounce all plans for permanent US bases in Iraq
- Make UN peacekeeping forces available to the Iraqi people during the period of withdrawal of US/UK forces
- Rescind US imposed privatization that permits foreign business to control Iraqi resources and assets.

An American exit from Iraq is inevitable.

We can save many human lives by exiting.

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