

المؤتمر الأول للبرلمانيين الأمريكيين المتحدريين من اصل عربي  
PRIMER CONGRESO De LOS PARLAMENTARIOS AMERICANOS De ORIJEN ARABE  
PRIMEIRO CONGRESSO Pos PARLAMANTARIOS AMERICANOS De ORIGEN ARABE.  
The FIRST CONFERENCE of AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ARAB ORIGIN  
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BEFORE 1900 A YOUNG MAN CAME TO AMERICA FROM AMAR EL-HOSN,  
A SMALL VILLAGE IN SYRIA. WITH A COURAGE UNTASTED BY SO  
MANY AMERICANS TODAY, HE LEFT HIS HOME, HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
TO EMBARK ON A LONG JOURNEY TO A STRANGE LAND. HE JOINED THE  
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM ALL OVER THIS WORLD WHO  
CAME WITH HOPE IN THEIR HEARTS AND PRIDE IN THEIR SOULS.

SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER HIS SON WAS ELECTED <sup>THE THIRTY-SECOND</sup> GOVERNOR OF OREGON  
AND THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF ARAB DESCENT EVER ELECTED IN THE HISTORY  
OF OUR UNITED STATES.

YES, THAT STORY IS MINE, BUT I SPEAK IN BEHALF OF OUR ~~HEARD~~  
AMERICAN DELEGATION, WHO EACH BY THEMSELVES COULD TELL A STORY  
EQUALLY AS DRAMATIC AND EQUALLY AS EMOTIONAL, FOR THEY TOO HAVE  
BECOME A PART OF THE FABRIC OF AMERICA.

NOW WE, THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, RETURN TO THE LAND OF OUR FATHERS AND  
MOTHERS. WE CAN THANK THE INSPIRATION OF HIS EXCELLENCE, PRESIDENT  
HAFEZ AL-ASSAD, THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN  
THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY.

I KNOW OF NO OTHER NATION THAT HAS EVER DREAMED OF AND  
PUT FORTH SUCH AN ASSEMBLY AS THIS. IT IS INCREDIBLE WITH ALL  
THE TURMOIL, ~~AND~~ PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT SWIRLS AROUND THIS  
ANCIENT BUT TINY NATION AND WITH THE GREAT WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
THAT HAS FALLEN SO HEAVILY ON PRESIDENT ASSAD THAT HE WOULD STILL  
BELIEVE SO MUCH IN HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS BOTH HERE AND IN THE  
AMERICAS, THAT THIS TOO HAS BECOME A ~~PRIO~~ PRIORITY.

HE KNOWS, AS DO WE, THAT FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGE IS THE  
SOLUTION TO SO MANY PROBLEMS AND THAT, SOMEHOW, ~~WE~~ THROUGH  
THIS FORUM, WE MAY BE THE VEHICLE FOR AN ANSWER OTHERS  
HAVE SOUGHT FOR SO LONG.

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MAYBE WE WILL BE — MAYBE NOT. BUT WHY NOT TRY TO  
HELP PRESIDENT AUSAO SEARCH FOR THAT JUST AND DURABLE PEACE  
FOR WHICH HE YEARS.

UNQUESTIONABLY, SYRIA'S ROLE IS KEY TO ANY SOLUTION AND SYRIA  
MUST BE A PLAYER IN ANY DISCUSSION FOR PEACE.

BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, AS A DEVOUT AMERICAN, I THANK YOU  
MR. PRESIDENT FOR YOUR PIVOTAL PART IN THE RELEASE OF OUR  
AMERICAN HOSTAGES AND THE QUIET BUT EVER-PRESENT ROLE YOU  
CONTINUE TO PLAY IN MATTERS THAT SO GRAVELY CONCERN THIS PART  
OF THE WORLD.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE, AS WELL, OUR LONG-SUFFERING COUNTRYMEN  
FROM LEBANON, WHOSE SOIL IS THE BATTLE FIELD WHERE A GRIEVOUS  
DRAMA IS PLAYED OUT. HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH AND DO NOT LET YOUR  
SPIRITS FADE, FOR SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE RESTORED TO THE  
SPARKLING JEWEL OF PEACEFULNESS YOU ONCE KNEW.

I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT OUR PARLIAMENTARIANS OF ARABIC DESCENT,  
BECAUSE I AM PROUD OF MY HERITAGE AND IT IS A THRILL TO  
SPEAK FOR THEM.

WE, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, PROUDLY RETURN. MAY GOD GUIDE  
OUR EFFORTS.



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### Foreign Policy of Syria:

- STRATEGIC LOCATE (EUROPE/AFRICA/ASIA)
- ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL RESOURCES (I.E. OIL)
- EMANCIPATION OF FOREIGN RULE
- ISRAEL
- CONTESTING IMPERIALISM

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STRENGTHILY MILITANT AGAINST THE U.S.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY  
DEFENSE REQUIREMENT  
DEDICATION TO DEFENSE OF  
ANY ARAB NATION

### (OPPOSITION OF CAMP DAVID RECORDS)

ISRAELI INVASION OF LIBANON 1982  
IF CAMP DAVID LEADS TO PERSE WHY INCREASE  
MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

WHAT PERSE THEN (U.S.) WANTS THAT IGNORES  
ARAB WORLD

ARABS MUST <sup>ALL</sup> BE TOGETHER IN ALL SOLUTIONS  
"ACTIVE ARAB SOLIDARITY"

NATIONAL STRIPED AT THE  
BRIDGE OF SEPARATING UNITY

"ISRAELI AGGRESSION"  
"IT'S REGIONAL/ARAB INTERESTS"

= RESTORATION OF NATIONAL UNITY  
= PUTTING END TO CIVIL WAR

EMPHASIS ARAB POSITION  
"CONSOLIDATE RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES - FORCE MUST COME FROM SOVIET UNION"

(FROM ISRAEL)  
AMERICAN BOMBS KILL OUR PEOPLE / WHEN POLICY OF U.S. CHANGES THERE  
AMERICANS ARE SUPPORTING OUR ENEMY / WILL BE BETTER RELATIONS

SOFT BEHAVIOUR  
IN URBAN

