



**To the Kurdish National Congress of North America**

**Dear Mr. President Kamal Artin,**

The EUTCC sends its best wishes to the Kurdistan National Congress North America 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference “Future of a United Kurdistan, One vs. Multiple States”, for a successful meeting.

The Kurds have achieved much in the past decade. The Kurdish struggle for fair play and their rights continues. Much has been achieved but severe challenges remain in all four parts of Kurdistan where struggles are still carried out on a daily basis. Much depends on organizations such as the KNCNA supporting Kurdish rights in the Middle East as the KRG enters a new and uncertain period with violent demonstrations in Sulaymaniya and Kirkuk, a period of uncertainty with the imminent withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, and continuing tensions between the KRG and Baghdad. The upcoming national elections in Turkey on 12 June 2011 hold many promises of a better life for the Kurds in Turkey but are also fraught with possible dangers.

The EUTCC congratulates the KNCNA and wishes it continuing success in furthering legitimate Kurdish demands.

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Respectfully yours,

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