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(l to r) Dr. Arfan Al-Hani of the Arab American Medical Association and Representative Tim Penny (DFL-MN) address a Washington press conference about humanitarian aid to Iraqi civilians

ADC Rallies Support for Humanitarian Relief Efforts for Iraqi Civilians

As we go to press, efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to the civilian population of Iraq are bearing fruit. Action in Congress was bolstered by support in the media for humanitarian aid to hundreds of thousands of suffering Iraqi civilians. Despite initial reluctance, the United States government has moved to expedite humanitarian efforts.

Resolutions in the House and the Senate urging the United Nations to authorize the United States to release a portion of frozen Iraqi assets for humanitarian relief efforts have brought significant pressure to bear on the Bush Administration. In addition, discussions in the United Nations focused on a proposal to allow the one-time sale of Iraqi oil on the international market to provide food and medical supplies for Iraqi civilians. On August 16, members of the U.N. Security Council approved the proposal, and discussions are underway to expedite the sale.

Resolutions in the House and Senate Gain Steam

Since June, ADC has urged humanitarian relief for Iraqi civilians by supporting resolutions in both the House and the Senate which would enable the United States and the United Nations to facilitate such assistance. House Concurrent Resolution 168 (H.Con. Res. 168) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 54 (S.Con. Res. 54) urged the United Nations to authorize the U.S. to release a portion of frozen

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