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The Mission

To provide independent and reliable research that supports the following key goals:

- Promote and encourage democratic reforms, transparency and accountability
- Provide recommendations to resolve key issues in the region as a whole
- Present the stage for dialogue and understanding

The Current Situation

- Fairly new democracy in the heart of the Middle East, which itself presents problems
- Few independent and neutral local institutions
- Regional government faces a series of significant challenges
- Lack of reliable research and statistics
- Government and businesses facing criticism issues with transparency and accountability
- Ongoing disputes between the Regional and Federal Governments for the past several years on key issues, such as the disputed territories.

The Goal

- A three stage process
- A truly independent institution
- Comprises team of academics, businesses, politicians and students
- Conducts research on domestic and regional issues in cooperation with local governments and organisations
- An institution that works with reputable market-research firms to conduct reliable polls in the region
- Provides local governments with recommendations on how to advance the march towards democratisation

Stage One

1. Gather like-minded experts and associates who would be willing to support and encourage the idea.
 2. Prepare a detailed proposal on the role and virtues of the institution
 3. Identify and secure support from key stakeholders
 - All-Party Parliamentary Group
 - Corporate businesses abroad and in the region
 - Kurdistan Regional Government
 - Ministry of Planning, Culture and Youth, and the Department of Foreign Relations
 - Labour Friends of Iraq
 - Nadhim Zahawi, MP
- **Stage two**
 - Board of advisors, policies and standards, and secure funding from stakeholders.
 - **Stage three**
 - Begin discussions regarding a small number of case studies to be conducted.

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(Thank you)