

## Palestinian Refugees in Iraq – Applicable Legislation

Palestinian refugees in Iraq arrived in Iraq during several waves of displacement since 1948. Although they were never formally recognized as refugees by former Iraqi governments, they enjoyed a favourable environment in line with key resolutions of the League of Arab States and the 1965 Protocol for the Treatment of Palestinians in Arab States (“Casablanca Protocol”):

- League of Arab States, *Protocol for the Treatment of Palestinians in Arab States* (“Casablanca Protocol”), 11 September 1965, [www.refworld.org/docid/460a2b252.html](http://www.refworld.org/docid/460a2b252.html).

The rights of Palestinian refugees were further guaranteed through the national legislation, including, *inter alia*, the following:

- *Iraq: Social Protection Law (2014)* [Iraq], 19 March 2014, <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5c755aa47.html>, Article 28
- *Iraq: Act No. 51 of 1971, The Political Refugee Act* [Iraq], 10 April 1971, <https://www.refworld.org/docid/560a498c4.html>, Article 8.
- *Iraq: Resolution by the Revolutionary Command Council on the Exempt Palestinian Students from Iraqi Entry Visa Fees (1969)*, 28 August 1969, <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5c755b4e7.html>.
- *Iraq: Law on the Palestinian Refugees' Travel Document Systems (1961)* [Iraq], 11 November 1961, <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5c755f4b7.html>.
- *Iraq: Resolution by the Revolutionary Command Council on the Treatment of Palestinians Permanently Residing in Iraq as Iraqis (2001)*, 24 September 2001, <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5c7558ca7.html>. [abolished under Iraq’s Law on the Residence of Foreigners (2017), Article 52, available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5c7561147.html>]