

Thank you Madam, Madam Chair Person, Madam Independent Expert, distinguished delegates, colleagues.

First I would thank the OHCHR for giving me the opportunity of the 2013 Minority Fellowship Program and to participate in the 6th session of the Forum on Minority Issues.

When we say Syria, what comes to mind is a coloured society composed of 20+ different religions, sects, ethnicities and groups that live together in peace. Until the day these colours have been shadowed by the smoke of war. About the past three years I'm talking. Today all the minority groups in Syria are daily targets for terrorist attacks and salient against them is out in the open on many big media channels. And it is led by famous religious leaders. Even Sunni in Syria – who are the majority – are not spared the horrors of extremists and their numerous crimes. Even though in the International Covenant on the Civil and Political Rights under Article 23, Paragraph 1 “any propaganda for war shall be prohibited by law”. Paragraph 2, “any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement or to discrimination, hostility and violence should be prohibited by law.”

Unfortunately, fundamentalists, jihadists and militia from all around the World were sent to us. They received, and continue to receive funding firearms and heavy artillery to commit the most horrific crimes against humanity of our age.

Many atrocities have been committed against groups and individuals from different religious backgrounds. Woman and girls from minorities are often taken as war trophies, where they face rape, torture and violent deaths. Churches, Mosques, Temples, Graveyards and even Museums were subject to their destruction and illegal trafficking of relics.

Therefore we address the following recommendations.

First, we urge the United Nation to pressure the countries financing, arming and facilitating the arrival of extremists to Syria. To immediately bring these acts to an end, and bring to justice those who took part in terroristic, violent, incitement and any illegal activities.

From Draft Recommendation 51, 52, and in the case of the Syrian crisis, we call on the international society not only to condemn shelling and marten shelling on residential areas, schools, hospitals, worship places, but to bring these acts to an end. Soon!

Third, we call on UNESCO to closely follow where the heritage of our minorities our country are being sold, by whom, and to whom.

Fourth, we strongly urge all countries that have fighters on the Syrian land to track down their citizens and bring them to justice in their respective countries.

Fifth, in preventative measures in recommendation 50, we ask for strict measures against incitement through media channels, newspaper, and even against influential individuals who spread hate speech

and make new Saria law encouraging violent acts against not only religious minorities, but also against all those that don't agree with them.

Thank you.