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"Preventing and confronting violence and vicious crimes against minorities"

Oral presentation

Article 5) : After the outbreak of violence - Necessary measures for settlement, protection and security)

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Thank you Mr. President for giving this precious opportunity.

The Yezidi minority is considered one of the oldest ethnic religions living in the East. It has suffered from the largest campaigns of genocide, displacement and coercion throughout history, without being mentioned in any international forum.

What has happened in Iraq and continues this day, threatens the existence of minorities and their future with their different religious or national identities , Security and political failures increase the responsibility of the central government in Baghdad and Kurdistan Regional Government in Erbil towards the protection of its population, especially the minorities, The most violent and brutal attacks took place after the entry of members of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria(ISIS) To minority areas . They massacred the minorities and the Yazidis had the largest share of them, where they were subjected to killings, displacement, looting, kidnapping, rape and the abduction of women in the markets of Syria and Iraq.

It is important to note some of the recommendations that help improve the situation of minorities in Iraq:

- Protecting civilians is one of the main responsibilities of the government. What is happening in Iraq, particularly in the "Sinjar district" of ethnic cleansing and genocide, shows us the weakness of the government to protect its citizens. Therefore, urgent logistical and military support will save the existence of minorities.
- More than three months have passed since thousands of Yezidi women and children are still in the hands of a terrorist organization of Isis and we are watching them every day while they are exposed to the worst kinds of human rights violations. Therefore, all

national and international efforts must be united and the United Nations should move to rescue them by all means.

- The opening of social and psychological rehabilitation centers and financial compensation for girls and children who have been subjected to rape and sexual harassment.
- Number of internally displaced persons is more than one million and a half displaced and they live in very difficult living conditions, exceeding the government's ability to provide food, clothing, drink and shelter. Therefore, we recommend an international decision to expedite the provision of urgent humanitarian relief in light of the lack of assistance provided by international organizations.
- A resolution by the UN Security Council to provide international protection for "Sinjar district" and Nineveh plains areas as a guarantee for the return of displaced persons to their areas and villages after liberation.
- International recognition of the operations carried out by ISIS as a crime of genocide and to provide the perpetrators of this crime to the International Criminal Court.
- International cooperation for the central government in Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government to reconstruct the areas that have been invaded by terrorist organization ISIS