

Yezidi minority representative Ms Nadia Murad (originally replaced
by statement from Nareem Shamo)

Mr Chairman,

My name is Nadia Murad. I am from the Yazidi minority in Singar. I am 20 years old. I have been kidnapped by ISIL on 15 August 2014 from my village (...) Southern Singar. After all the men in my village have been collectively executed, my brother is one survivor of this massacre.

I have been enslaved and sold dozens of times in (these) areas for more than three months. I have been separated from my mother and my sisters and I haven't seen my mother after this instance. I have been witness to cases of forced abortions, to rape of minors, to separation of newborns from their mothers. I have seen all those atrocities. I come from a (nature) tribe and it is internally displaced now, our children are in ISIL camps in Syria, our men, they have been killed, some have been missing and a lot of our women are still abducted and kidnaped. With two of my sisters we were able to flee ISIL by ourselves. My oldest sister has been able to flee Syria two months ago. Mr. Chairman, I don't know what is the terminology that you use to reflect the killings of a whole nation, yet I would like to remind you of the extermination of my village (Kozho) where more than 700 men have been killed in one hour, including my sex brothers. They have dispatched us - women, among the members and have been taken them to places; and I would like to call you to investigate the crimes against Yazidi by ISIL and consider those crimes as a genocide. I live for now in Germany where the German government is supporting a lot of the Yazidi survivors. Yet alongside other Yazidis are still waiting to know the whereabouts of 20 persons of my family.

I came here to tell you that I am defenceless minority. I lost hope in your policies. Thousands of kidnapped and abducted still dream of freedom, it is not too late to call for liberation. I would like to say

there is no future for us in Iraq in this situation. Our message is peace, and we would like to live in Peace. We do need that you exert your efforts and powers to ensure to us international protection or accept us in your country so that we can live (safely). I thank you.