



## **Yazidi Cultural Center – Netherlands**

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**Thank you, Mr. President for this opportunity.**

**I am Nabodin Osman, from the Yazidi Cultural Center Netherlands, defending the rights of Yazidis that are subjected to genocide by ISIS.**

**I would like to address two important issues:**

**First: the problems of the Yazidi minority in Syria are increasing and violations against them continue. There are still many Yazidis in Syria who are not registered. They do not have a nationality. After the Syrian crisis, about 30.000 Yazidis abandoned Afrin and are living in camps that lack the necessary and basic elements of life. Education certificates issued by the Kurdish autonomous directorates in Syria are not recognized. There is also a huge problems in receiving official documents.**

**The second issue that I would like to address: is the ongoing genocide against the Yazidis of Iraq, since 3 August 2014. Approximately 350.000 displaced people are living in the camps that lack basic needs. They are still not able to return to their villages. Migration, displacement, rape, kidnapping, brainwashing by ISIS, all are causing many daily life obstacles.**

**There will be no doubt that the remaining Yezidi women in captivity will be raped, forced to marry, become pregnant and give birth to unknown and not documented children .**

**Neither the Syrian nor the Iraqi government recognizes birth certificates or any document issued by ISIS, which in itself is a major problem on social, governmental and religious levels. The Iraqi government has previous experience with unregistered children from Al-Qaeda (2003-2006).**

**Although the Iraqi Constitution grants the children of Iraqi muslim women the right of naturalization regardless of the nationality of their fathers. The problem lies in the absence of official documents specifying their parents. Their registration is difficult to investigate under the laws of the Iraqi courts, and requires special legislation.**

**This problem is much worse in the non-muslim minorities.**

**The support of the UN and his partners is highly needed.**

**Thank you for your listening**