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Greetings to all, my name is Roka Shaddo, representative of the Kurdish Community Organization in Stuttgart - Germany.

If we want to protect religious and national minorities in countries where they are subjected to violations, we must strengthen the role of organizations that defend the rights of their communities. This support remains incomplete, due to the international community's lack of a clear and firm stance against governments that commit violations against their people.

Therefore, activists as well as organizations are not able alone to continue their activities in defending minorities in light of their governments devising laws that would lead them to be pursued and imprisoned, many examples here can be mentioned, and perhaps the most prominent and painful of them is what the Kurdish national minority in Iran is subjected to by the government's persecution and the imprisonment of hundreds of them, only because they opposed the ruling authority and rebelled against extremist religious politics.

From here we conclude that activists and organizations need supportive international positions that stand by them, therefore we need international courage to hold governments accountable for their brutal actions against minorities. We need this strong denial primarily against the recent actions of the Turkish government, following its brutal declaration of war on the national and religious minorities in North and East Syria and its persecution of the Kurds all over the world.

The Turkish government's war against minorities in Syria, has no justification, but rather its goal is to eliminate the national and religious diversity that exists in Syria. The same is the case with the Iranian government's war against its people, especially the Kurds among them. These absurd wars increase the pain of minorities and pushes them to forced displacement.

In order to succeed in preserving the presence of minorities in their historical areas, the international community must impose real sanctions on the Turkish and Iranian governments in order to put an end to their repeated violations.

The crimes of these two governments against peaceful people is like crimes of the Russia against Ukraine.

Thanks for your your attention