

Speaker: Thank you Mr. President. I am [inaudible], speaking on behalf of the Humanity Organization for Civil Activities. Despite all that is stated in the international conventions and local constitutions regarding the protection of the rights of minorities. The Iraqi minorities are heading towards extinction. And the remaining ones left have taken up refuge in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. As it is a safe and [inaudible] region for diversity. In Iraq, there is a lack of understanding by the state and its institutions of the culture of diversity and acceptance of the different. And the concept of minority rights have become merely slogans and ink on paper. Which reflects negatively on a member of society by instilling hate speeches and rejecting all forms of pluralism. As well as the existence of demographic change and other violations. All this led to the continued marginalization of the role of minority and the [inaudible] of the state and the continues migration, displacement and successive genocides. And thus turning them into minorities from the indigenous people of the region. Therefore we recommend considering the mechanism for protecting human rights of minorities [inaudible] one. Imposing censorship on states to prevent violations against minorities by others. Two, establish legal controls and procedures for anyone who violates the rights of minorities. Three, activating the role of the media and spreading the discourse of coexistence among the various components of society. Four, work according to the principle of positive distinction to guarantee the rights of vulnerable groups. Five, the government does not exploit minorities through the quota system.