

Good day,

Ladies and gentlemen of the distinguished audience.

We thank you for accepting our invitation to the 16th United Nations Forum on Religious Minorities in Geneva.

Given that the Yazidi people have gone through seventy-four massacres, the last of which was on August 3, 2014, at the hands of the terrorists of the Islamic State (ISIS) because we belong to a different religion and have been described as infidels.

We ask you to stand by this people, one that has been oppressed throughout history and we assure you of the religious and ethnic independence of this oppressed group.

To confirm this statement, they have been classified as second-class citizens in the State of Iraq and also in the region of northern Iraq.

Evidence of this is their being deprived of their political and social rights and the failure to provide a safe grounds for resolving the displacement file inside Iraq and the intimidation of Yazidi citizens by the security and intelligence services of the Kurdish region for political purposes and electoral gains.

In conclusion, we ask you for state protection or sending a peacekeeping force to our regions because we do not trust the Iraqi government and the Kurdish militias because they left us easy prey to the terrorist Islamic State, under the name of ISIS, in 2014, because when ISIS attacked our areas there were twenty thousand Kurdish militia members in Sinjar but they took their heavy weapons and went to Kurdistan leaving the Yazidi people helpless in the face the fiercest terrorist organisation.

Thank you Mr. President of the Forum.