

Geneva Institute for Coexistence

Thank you, Mr. President, on behalf of the Geneva Institute for Coexistence, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this opportunity to speak about an issue that is vital to all our communities. The theme of this year has highlighted the fundamental truth that sustainable peace cannot be achieved without full inclusion and protection of minorities. Minorities around the world are not just smaller groups. They are a bridge of understanding. Their language, culture, and traditional heritage is the shared fabric of humanity. They remind us that differences do not divide us, but rather bring us together and strengthen our shared responsibility to work with one another. In the Middle East, we can refer to the experience of the Kurdistan region of Iraq as a positive and successful example of coexistence. The region has demonstrated a practical model for respecting and protecting diversity. It is [inaudible], offering guidance that can benefit other areas seeking to build peace and strengthen coexistence. However, fulfilling these promises requires real protection of rights. Many minorities continue to face discrimination, violence, and political exclusion. This challenge threatens not only minority groups but also the stability associated as a whole. To move forward, the world must turn our work into concrete action: more inclusive government systems, accountability for [inaudible] crimes, and educational programs that teach respect for diversity from an early age. Peaceful coexistence is not a wish, it is a necessity. Minorities are a full partners in shaping the future [CUT OFF BY CHAIR]