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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement for preventing systematic ethnic cleansing and reducing all kind of discriminatory act in Iraq

Mr. President, distinguished delegate and ladies and gentlemen

Despite countless conflict and atrocities happened, which Million of life lost because of Wrong policies by proviruses regimes or because of sectarian wars and the latest Barbaric act by ISIS against defenceless woman and children of Iraq. But Iraq was and still is a homeland to multicultural diversity and ethnic background.

Since the ISIS defeated, Iraq have made numerous of political progress notably the central and regional parliamentary election, there is a high hope for peace and prosper future, people of Iraq cautiously waiting for social and political reform to end corruption and improving public services.

It's very likely the central government will try to implement plan to conduct national census which long overdue.

The upcoming national census will be a great opportunity for Iraq and Kurdistan regional government to show commitment to ethnic and religious minority by protecting their identity and preserve their religious and cultural.

In-order to reduce minority concerns about their identity and preserve religious history of individuals as well as to meet the SDG commitment the Barzani Charity Foundation recommend the following action to be taken by Baghdad and Erbil governments.

Both authorities in Baghdad and Erbil should work together to reduce remaning inequalities, address entrenched discrimination, and realize the social and economic rights of the most in need while also remaining feasible, affordable, and implementable.

The post ISIS framework should emphasize the importance of development reaching the most marginalized populations, including minority peoples.

A specific committee should be established to target of addressing the social and economic needs of the most marginalized or discriminated against groups in each province.

The committee should establish the methodology for identifying direct and indirect discriminatory act against marginalized or disadvantaged groups and oversee the provision of needs.

Finally, both governments must provide a platform for public consultation and take on board a valid point regarding future census.

Awat Mustafa

I thank you
