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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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The harsh condition of IDPs-Refugees camps in Kurdistan region need urgent international community attention

Even though ISIS no longer held any territory but the humanitarian crisis in Iraq is far from over. Millions of Iraqis remain at the IDP camps located in Kurdistan region the IDPs are in desperate need of shelter, food, water, education, as well as psychological help.

Mosul city liberated almost three years ago, but many areas remain unsafe for returns of many people and lack basic services or livelihood opportunities and security is a main challenge. Many are unable to return because their homes are destroyed. Forcing people to return before it's safe will only lead to further displacement, community tensions, and suffering.

The retaking of Mosul—Iraq's second largest city and other places such as Sinjar and Tikret does not mean an automatic end to the suffering of the 1.5 million people who spent more two years living under harsh ISIS rule.

The BCF along with other organisations is working to help people from Mosul to rebuild their lives by providing aid and training as well as food, and assisting those who lost their identity and other documents so people are able to access government services, so people can re-establish their ordinary life.

The end of ISIS in the Syrian Arab Republic did not end the harsh condition for Syrian refugees who have lived for years in camps in Kurdistan region but the arrival of more Refugees from northern Syria from the recent Turkish increasing have added further pressure to the authority in the region . As hope for safe return to Syria is running out, some Syrian refugees have chosen or considering making the dangerous journey to Europe to seek better life.

The ongoing sectarian violence in Iraq and fear of security to the life of foreign aid workers most international organisation have downgraded their presence in Iraq this have add further pressure to the local NGOs to fill the gap on needs at both IDP and Refugee camps.

The Barzani charity foundation urge international aid organization to collaborate with the local NGOs to provide essential needs for the people who have no choice but to stay at the camp, the needs for displaced people who currently made Kurdistan region their home is very large therefore the provision of services is beyond the capacity of national NGOs, under the humanitarian international law we believes that international community has a moral and legal responsibility to assist and provide services for the venerable people at the camps.

Barzani charity foundation who manage several IDP and refugee camps in Kurdistan region is reaching out to all UN and international NGOs and intergovernmental development agencies to hold a consultative conference to find way to enhance the living condition of all refugees and IDPs and more importantly providing an opportunity for both Refugees and IDPs to share ideas and views on how to improve their life.

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