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Interactive Dialogue on Iraq

- Serbia commends Iraq on its cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner during its UPR process. We also commend the establishment of Iraq's own High Commissioner for Human Rights, and we expect that his institutional capacities will be reinforced pending its accreditation by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.
- Serbia is deeply concerned about the living situations of over 1.4 million internally displaced persons. We recognize that the human rights situation has deteriorated dramatically since the so-called "ISIL" and other terrorist groups have begun their campaign. Today the government of Iraq has more of a responsibility than ever to protect the growing number of people in need of humanitarian aid.
- We encourage national efforts on the protection of displaced persons, and we call on the government of Iraq to establish a safe return of the mass displacement of the Iraqi population. We recommend the adoption of a binding legal framework for the protection of internally displaced persons in accordance with international standards and the National Policy on Displacement. We urge Iraq's leaders to build an inclusive government and work towards national reconciliation in their fight against terrorism.
- In their efforts to combat the spread of terrorism, we also urge the government of Iraq to ratify OP-CAT articles 21 and 22, OP-CEDAW. Furthermore, we would recommend the government of Iraq to accede to the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court, as previously advised.