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UPR of IRAQ

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Iraq to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

~~Slovenia would like to point out that strengthening the respect for human rights can represent an important tool in the fight against ISIL.~~ We encourage the new Iraqi government to continue with the process of national reconciliation as a prerequisite for maintaining Iraqi sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through implementation of received human rights recommendations.

Slovenia takes note of Iraq's progress, particularly in the ratification of the Palermo Protocol, Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** Iraq to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC.

Regarding Slovenia's recommendation to Iraq in the 1st UPR cycle concerning the issue of harmonizing its constitution with the accepted international law standards, we take note of the progress made, but would like to **recommend** to Iraq to eliminate the reported contradictions in the constitutional framework and discriminatory provisions therein against women.

Regarding Slovenia's recommendation to Iraq in the 1st UPR cycle on the moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing the capital punishment, we take note that no significant progress has been made and would like to once again **recommend** a halt to all executions and establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing the capital punishment.

Thank you.