



20th session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Iraq

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Statement by Afghanistan

Mr. President,

Afghanistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Iraq to the 20th session of the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

Notwithstanding the immense security challenges facing Iraq, we commend Iraq's commitment in upholding fundamental principles of human rights and its efforts in implementation of the recommendations received during the first cycle of UPR; in particular, by becoming a party to a number of human rights instruments, namely: the United Nations Convention against Torture, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Afghanistan welcomes the establishment of the High Commission of Human Rights by the Government of Iraq and in that regard, would like to recommend to Iraq to ensure the Commission's independence in accordance with the Paris Principles. We would also like to recommend to Iraq to consider joining the International Coordination Committee of National Institutions.

Thank you.

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