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Intervention of Bangladesh on UPR of Iraq

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Iraq.

Considering the realities of Iraqi society, we recognize that Iraq has made considerable progress in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We are happy to note the progress made through establishment of a large number of human rights institutions including the High Commission for Human Rights, ratification of the CRPD, actions aimed at reducing gender disparities and enactment of a large number of human rights laws.

We understand that ensuring human rights in Iraq is faced with various impediments and challenges as outlined in the national report. Iraq faces a water crisis and its worst drought in decades, which contributes to rising levels of food deprivation, displacement and poverty. Persistence of terrorist attacks and activities by ISIS and the scale of human and material damage inflicted thereby, pose a threat to progress in the promotion of human rights in the country.

Mr. President, while reviewing the country's human rights situation, we need to keep in mind that it is not possible to overcome these challenges without continuous and coordinated efforts. We therefore, recommend that Iraqi government continues to, -

1. Continues its efforts to eradicate poverty,
2. Continues its fight against terrorism and
3. Continues to further ensure rights of women and girls.