**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Iraq,**

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The United States welcomes the Iraqi delegation to the UPR Working Group.

We recommend that Iraq:

1. Immediately cease using excessive force against peaceful demonstrators, particularly the unlawful use of tear gas canisters and live ammunition, and hold accountable, in a transparent manner, those responsible for this violence;
2. Remove undisciplined armed groups from Ninewa province, and replace them with police units supported by local communities;
3. Improve the reintegration and protection of members of ethnic and religious minority groups, and those displaced by conflict, and ensure access to public services, including issuance of identity documentation.

The Iraqi government must uphold its obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, including with respect to the protection of internally displaced persons. In addition, it should address human rights violations and abuses, uphold the rights of freedom of assembly and expression, and provide safe and equitable mechanisms to reintegrate those displaced, including perceived ISIS family members.

We urge the Iraqi Government to repatriate foreigners accused of cooperation or affiliation with ISIS and guarantee fair and transparent judicial proceedings.