



## Kurdish Coalition for the ICC

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Dear excellencies and distinguished delegates,

The crimes committed by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria since June 2014 against the Yezidi minority in Shingal, ethnic and religious minorities have shocked the international community, but the international community has not taken the necessary steps to prosecute the individuals who have committed these atrocities and bring justice to the victims of these crimes.

These atrocities are under article 6 of the Roma statute a crime of genocide. These crimes including but not limited to attacks against woman and children, forced recruitment of children and destruction of places of religious significance have been primarily committed against the various minorities of Iraq such as the Yezidi, Christian, Sabak and Kaka'e population of Iraq.

Although Iraq is not a member state of the ICC, prosecution of these individuals is possible by a referral from the UN Security Council under article 13 clause (b) of the Rome Statute. On behalf of the victims of these atrocities we request your support through your state to demand an UN Security Council referral for these crimes committed in the Shingal area of Iraq from June 2014 until now so that justice can be finally served.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

The Kurdish Coalition for the International Criminal Court.