**FORUM:** GA4

**QUESTION OF:** the Yazidis

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THE 4th COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

*Acknowledging* the definition of genocide as acts committed with intent to destroy a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, which includes: killing members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group, and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group as agreed uponatthe United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 9 December 1948,

*Noting with concern* the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Iraq in the light of abuses committed by Islamic State, in particular its paragraph 16 on ‘Violations Perpetrated by ISIL’, which bring attention to attacks against religious and ethnic groups,

*Alarmed* by the fact that since 2014 an estimated 5,000 Yazidis have been killed, while many others have been tortured or forcibly converted to Islam, at least 2,000 Yazidi women have been enslaved, and made victims of forced marriage and trafficking, girls as young as six have been raped, and Yazidi children have been forcibly recruited as soldiers for the so-called ‘ISIS/Daesh,’

*Recognizing* the ISIS actions against the Yazidi population as genocide,

*Affirming* Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which aims to protect the right to freedom of religion for all and the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief,

*Noting further* the UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion and Belief of 1981,

*Recalling* the European Parliament resolution of 4 February 2016 on the *systematic mass murder of religious minorities by the so-called ‘ISIS/Daesh’,*

1. Suggests the creation of a UN funded and affiliated non-governmental organization, United Nations Yazidi Protection Mission (UNYPM), to be created to work in tandem with already involved NGOs such as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as the matter at hand is too complex, and requires an organization to solely focus on the issue;
2. Recommends all member states to work in tandem with the UNYPM and other relevant NGOs to organize events or mediums where the Yazidi survivors of the 2014 genocide could share their experiences with a wide audience, as a means of revealing the atrocious realities of unlawful killing, and hopefully preventing a future genocide in ways such as but not limited to:
   1. creating a website where the survivors with access to internet can easily post texts or videos sharing their experience,
   2. funding and organizing seminars hosted in member states where Yazidi survivors can share their experiences,
   3. deploying officials to interview Yazidis in the Sinjar mountain and post their experiences on the website;
3. Calls upon relevant NGOs such as UNHCR and UNYPM to raise awareness on the issue in means such as but not limited to:
   1. organizing events where the local Yazidi refugees of the 2014 genocide under physically and mentally stable conditions can deliver speeches at schools and other appropriate public facilities,
   2. utilizing a social media account to either redistribute or post relevant information,
   3. creating documentaries or short films on the issue;
4. Invites all Member States and UNYPM to provide protection for the Yazidi population of Sinjar by:
   1. suggesting the Security Council to take daunting actions as deploying UN Peacekeepers, with consent from the Iraqi government, in the area of the Sinjar mountain to provide protection,
   2. creating safe shelters that could temporarily house Yazidis in cases of emergencies, the safety of these shelters will be ensured by:
      1. the placement of UN Peacekeepers,
      2. bullet proof vests and other defensive material
   3. organizing airlifts and evacuation missions to transport Yazidis temporarily out of the Sinjar mountain to the safe shelter mentioned in sub-clause b in cases of ISIS massacre against them until the attack stops or until they find a place for asylum,
5. Further Invites relevant NGOs such as UNHCR, UNYPM and the International Red Cross (ICRC) to aid the recovery of ISIS attack survivors in countries such as Syria and Iraq by:
   1. providing any extra care needed to aid those affected by physical traumas such as amputations or disabilities,
   2. tending to mental traumas, especially of children who are subject to extreme trauma, caused by the grimness of the attacks,
   3. implementing regular checkups in designated health care service areas which will prevent further spreading of communicable diseases,
   4. expanding on the primary health care system by:
      1. Providing more health facilities with access to basic medicines
      2. Sending more medical aid workers
   5. creating an emergency health care system with its own facilities made by and stocked with resources and medical aid workers;
6. Asks all member states who host Yazidi refugees to work in tandem with relevant NGOs such as UNHCR, UNYPM and ICRC to extend the program aiding the recovery of ISIS attack survivors, mentioned in clause 5, to Yazidi refugees who have found asylum in their nations;
7. Encourages all Member States to either continue, begin or assist airdropping aid, which may include:
   1. emergency medical kit with basic medicines and medical supplies,
   2. water, food and nutrient supplements,
   3. pamphlets mentioned in clause 12,
   4. basic clothing;
8. Further Asks all Member States and relevant NGOs to educate the population of Iraq on the true nature of ISIS so less would join the extremist group;
9. Requests UNYPM to locate the Yazidi abductees and captives and work on a way for their return to the Sinjar community or relocation to an asylum overseas as a refugee;
10. Calls upon the government of the Republic of Iraq to take immediate action with regards to the Yazidi genocide as such atrocities are committed in the Iraqi soil in ways such as:
    1. engaging in talks with the Yazidi leaders on ways to:
       1. protect the Yazidi population in occurrence of ISIS attacks,
       2. prevent future attempts of genocide and discrimination against the religious population, such ways may include discussing the possibility of granting a Yazidi state,
    2. providing protection for the Yazidi population in the Sinjar by ways mentioned in clause 4;
11. Recommends relevant NGOs to work on reintegration of the returned captives at the Sinjar mountain, who often struggle to be accepted by their religious community and families upon return, by including pamphlets on the airdrops that explains:
    1. actions of the captives that may have been prohibited by the religion were against their free will as they were forced into committing those acts by ISIS,
    2. shunning the returned captives from society will significantly decrease their chance of survival, and will only aid the ISIS’s aim of eradicating the whole population of Yazidis;
12. Further calls upon the aid of SPECPOL (Special Political and Decolonisation) to educate and implement a political establishment within the Yazidi Community by,
    1. encourage political parties to form and temporarily govern the Yazidi people,
    2. whosoever it nominated as the leader, will be involved in talks of peacekeeping and safety of their people with states involved.
    3. calls on willing states to provide land or protection for the Yazidi people;
13. Encourages willing nations to further accept Yazidi refugees for asylum;
14. Urges all Member States to take or continue in taking all measures necessary in accordance with their obligations under international law to counter incitement of terrorist acts committed by the so-called ISIS,
15. Further requests all member states to recognize the Yazidis as a minority religion,
16. *Suggests a humanitarian corridor of safe passage between Mount Sinjar and Turkey or other neighboring countries to allow the Yazidis to reach safety by:*
    1. *urging UN Peacekeepers to provide humanitarian support throughout the corridor of Safe Passage*
    2. *Calling for Syrian and Iraqi military to ensure safe passage to a neighboring country*
    3. *Encouraging all member nations present to accept Yazidi refugees once the refugees have reached temporary safety in a neighboring country*
    4. *Wishing to relocate Yazidi refugees to the Sinjar region, once the region is secured;*