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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Targeting and persecution of Yazidis

Yazidis are an indigenous religious community of Mesopotamia with a historical presence in Iraq, Syria, Türkiye and Iran.

Following the genocide committed by the Turks against 300 000 Yazidis between 1915 and 1916 (in tandem with the genocide of 3.5 million Christians), in 2014, ISIS committed crimes against the Yazidis, assisted by Türkiye. Independent investigations – including under the auspices of the UN – have found that these crimes meet the legal definition of genocide under the 1948 Convention. According to a 2017 report by the Secretary-General of the UN, attacks in areas such as Mosul, Sinjar and Nineveh were accompanied by systematic sexual violence on a mass scale, mainly against Yazidi women and girls. Thousands of women and girls in Iraq and Syria are living in conditions of slavery, with recorded cases of trafficking, forced transfers and use as human shields.

The Vice-President / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is asked:

1. What steps has it taken to investigate and identify the states and organisations that helped target Yazidis, along with the motives behind these acts?
2. What specific measures has it taken or supported to ensure accountability and justice for victims, including support for international mechanisms and judicial proceedings?
3. How does it support the recognition of the Yazidi genocide and the strengthening of their protection, as well as that of other religious or ethnic minorities?

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