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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of Iraq

On 11 October 2022, the IPU Secretary General received from the delegation of Iraq a request and accompanying documents for the inclusion in the agenda of the 145th Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

“Preserving Iraq's sovereignty, rejecting repeated attacks
and not interfering in its internal affairs”.

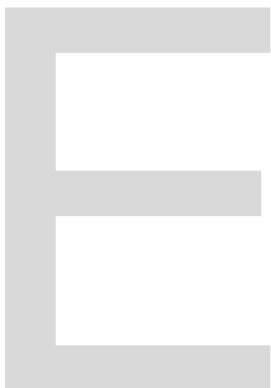
Delegates to the 145th Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request (Annex I), as well as an explanatory memorandum (Annex II) and a draft resolution (Annex III) in support thereof.

The 145th Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of Iraq on Wednesday, 12 October 2022.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.



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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE IPU SECRETARY GENERAL BY
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IRAQI COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

11 October 2022

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Greetings.

The Iraqi Council of Representatives would like to include an emergency item on the agenda of the Assembly:

"Preserving Iraq's sovereignty, rejecting repeated attacks and not interfering in its internal affairs"

Please, notify me of any other measure is needed to complete the request.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Safwan BASHEER YOUNUS
Secretary General
Iraqi Council of Representatives

**PRESERVING IRAQ'S SOVEREIGNTY, REJECTING REPEATED ATTACKS
AND NOT INTERFERING IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of Iraq

Over the past period, and especially recently, Iraq has witnessed many attacks, direct and indirect external attacks, on its sovereignty, through air and ground attacks, by two countries: the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye. These attacks became a source of threat to the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and the security and safety of its people and lands, and thus constituted a threat to international peace and security.

The recent attacks on the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Turkish Republic led to the loss of many lives in the Republic of Iraq of women, children and men, and this is a clear violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, especially Article 3 which states: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person; and Article 30, which prevents any state from interpreting these principles and justifying them to carry out any activity or action aimed at destroying any of the freedoms and rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Turkish forces committed a clear violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and exposed the lives and security of Iraqi citizens by targeting a tourist resort in the Dohuk Governorate, with artillery shelling, which led to the deaths and injuries of defenceless civilians, most of whom were women and children.

For the purpose of Iraqi sovereignty over all Iraqi territory, the forces of the Republic of Türkiye must leave Iraqi territory, dismantle their bases, and stop their continuous bombing of safe areas in the Republic of Iraq.

This also applies to the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the Iranian forces' continuous attacks to date on Iraqi lands have harmed the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and the security of its people and the integrity of its lands, including the attack that occurred on September 29, 2022, which resulted in the death of more than 17 citizens, including women and children, and the injury of others. As a result of these attacks, more than 50 citizens suffered.

Both countries (the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye) took advantage of the developments in the international regional conflict, and the internal circumstances that Iraq is witnessing, and they launched repeated attacks targeting various regions in Iraq. In addition to that, the two countries took a number of measures that would deprive Iraq of its water resources that would seriously harm Iraq's sovereignty and national interests. To have full Iraqi sovereignty requires a re-examination of water agreements with the Republic of Türkiye and the Islamic Republic of Iran in a way that guarantees the security of Iraq's rights and its share in accordance with the rules of international law in relation to international rivers.

**PRESERVING IRAQ'S SOVEREIGNTY, REJECTING REPEATED ATTACKS
AND NOT INTERFERING IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of IRAQ

The 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, meeting in the 210th session of the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Kigali, Rwanda, 11-15 October 2022, based on the principles and objectives of the Statutes and Rules of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and UNGA resolution 2625 (XXV) on the Declaration of Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

- (1) *Deeply concerned* about the continuing impact of the aggression of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye on the Republic of Iraq, embodied in the aggressive bombardment of several of its areas,
- (2) *Expressing* its condemnation of the Turkish Republic's aggression by bombing safe areas in Iraq, which led to the deaths of many innocent people as a result of those repeated attacks, as well as having caused material damage to the public facilities, infrastructure and economy of the Republic of Iraq,
- (3) *Strongly condemning* the Iranian continuous attacks using ballistic missiles and drones, which have resulted in intimidating the population in the targeted areas, not to mention causing a number of material damages resulting from the indiscriminate bombing,
- (4) *Reaffirming* the commitment of all Member States to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq, the safety and security of its territories and people and its political independence, as well as its support for all resolutions of the UN Security Council and the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, which call for the respect for the principle of good-neighbourly relations and the preservation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and not to violate human rights under any pretext; also *urging* the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye to adhere to the Charter of the United Nations and to fully implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions,
 1. *Strongly condemns* the aggression of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye against the Republic of Iraq, which resulted in casualties in safe areas, as well as material damage to the infrastructure due to the aggression;
 2. *Considers* all aggressor forces in the territory of Iraq to be in violation of the principles of good neighbourly relations and a violation of human rights;
 3. *Urges* the Republic of Iran and the Republic of Türkiye to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq, to stop all forms of aggression on its territory, to refrain from threatening the security and safety of its citizens, to expel all Turkish military units and forces from the border areas within the territory of the Republic of Iraq, and to solve outstanding problems by peaceful and diplomatic means in accordance with common interests and mutual benefits;
 4. *Requests* the international community and all Member States to take a stand and effective measures to stop any external aggression from any party that violates the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and threatens its security and territorial integrity, and to stop external attacks on the territory of the Republic of Iraq;
 5. *Reaffirms* its solidarity with the government and people of the Republic of Iraq and its support for them in their efforts to defend their country and overcome the dire consequences of external aggression;

6. *Urges* the Republic of Türkiye and the Islamic Republic of Iran to implement international water agreements, in a manner that guarantees the rights and share of the Republic of Iraq in accordance with the rules of international law in relation to international rivers;
7. *Acknowledges* that the Republic of Iraq has the right to obtain appropriate compensation for the damage caused to it as a result of external aggression and other acts that violate international law;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to submit a report on the implementation of the provisions of this resolution at the next Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.