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TO PROTECT**

INVITATION

High-Level Event

“The Fight Against Impunity for Atrocities: Bringing Da’esh to Justice”

Thursday, 9 March 2017

3:00 PM-5:00 PM, Trusteeship Council, United Nations, New York

On 19 September 2016 the foreign ministers of Belgium, Iraq and the United Kingdom co-hosted a side event during High-Level Week at the UN General Assembly to launch a campaign to bring Da’esh to justice. This campaign set out to support national and international efforts to ensure Da’esh and its followers are brought to justice; empower survivors of Da’esh crimes; and ensure that the pursuit of justice unites local, national and international communities. Six months since that first meeting, member states and civil society are invited to convene again and take stock of how efforts to bring Da’esh to justice are proceeding.

Da’esh not only represents a terrorist threat, its members have also committed war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. For example, in August 2016 the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights concluded that atrocities perpetrated by Da’esh “have been committed in a systematic and widespread manner, targeting and seeking to destroy the Yazidi group, in whole or in part.” Tragically, atrocity crimes continue to be perpetrated by Da’esh against vulnerable civilians, most notably in Iraq and Syria.

All UN member states have a responsibility to protect populations from genocide and other mass atrocity crimes, and to hold perpetrators accountable under international law. Ensuring accountability for these crimes is among the most effective means of preventing their recurrence. This meeting is an opportunity for member states to discuss steps towards delivering justice for Da’esh’s victims. The international community must send a unified message to Da’esh that there are costs for committing atrocities.

Moderator:

- **Dr. Simon Adams**, Executive Director of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Speakers:

- **H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft**, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ali Alhakim**, Permanent Representative of Iraq
- **H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve**, Permanent Representative of Belgium
- **H.E. Mr. Michael Douglas Grant**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada
- **H.E. Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura**, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Ms. Nadia Murad**, Yazidi Genocide Survivor, Human Rights Activist and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking
- **Ms. Amal Clooney**, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers and Legal Representative for Nadia Murad and other Yazidi survivors

Statements from the floor (3 minute limit).

The meeting will be conducted in English. Arabic translation will be provided.