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**HIGH-LEVEL EVENT
“SUPPORTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND JUSTICE
FOR POST-ISIL IRAQ”**

**21 September 2017, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Conference Room 4, United Nations, New York**

In their meeting on 30 March in Baghdad, the Secretary-General and Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi discussed the importance of effective accountability for the crimes committed by ISIL as a crucial component for enhancing the rule of law in the country. On the occasion of the recovery of Mosul from ISIL on 10 July, the Secretary-General reaffirmed the commitment of the United Nations to stand by the Government of Iraq in creating the necessary conditions for the voluntary, safe and dignified return of displaced communities, restoring the rule of law in regained areas, preventing a return to violence and fostering accountability.

The latest report by the Secretary-General to the Security Council of 11 July noted that the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) continues to provide technical support on accountability, particularly in relation to crimes that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide; advocates for legal, policy and institutional reforms; and works on expanding the capacities of the judiciary to address international crimes effectively. On 14 July, Security Council resolution 2367 (2017) welcomed the efforts of the Government of Iraq and its partners to counter ISIL and to hold this group accountable for its abuses. This requires urgent measures to systematically collect and document evidence of violations of international humanitarian law, and serious human rights violations and abuses with a view to ensuring that allegations of atrocity crimes are investigated and adjudicated promptly, in an impartial and effective manner, and in accordance with the Iraqi National Criminal Code and international criminal law standards.

Against this background, the Secretary-General is co-hosting with Prime Minister al-Abadi a high-level event that will serve as a forum to draw attention to the challenges Iraq is facing in ensuring accountability for atrocity crimes. It will also serve as a platform to galvanize further international assistance to this effort in close coordination with the Government of Iraq.

Programme:

- Opening remarks by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Remarks by the Prime Minister of Iraq, Mr. Haider al-Abadi
- Remarks by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, Mr. Jan Kubiš
- Statements from the floor

Members States and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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

The high-level event will be broadcast on the United Nations Webcast (<http://webtv.un.org/>).

Additional speakers may be added.

For questions about the event and confirmation of participation, please contact Mr. Martin Waehlich, waehlich@un.org in the Department for Political Affairs, Middle East and West Asia Division.