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# High-Level International Conference on the Repatriation of Persons from Al-Hol, Surrounding Camps and Places of Detention

26 September 2025

10:00 – 18:00 hrs

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat, New York

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## Draft Programme

26 September 2025	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration
High-Level Opening Session	
10:00 – 10:15 (15 minutes)	Opening Session: Welcome
	<p><i>Moderation: Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), UNOCT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Abdul Latif Rashid</b>, President, Republic of Iraq</li><li>• <b>Mr. Guy Ryder</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, United Nations, on behalf of the UN Secretary General</li><li>• <b>Mr. Alexandre Zouev</b>, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations</li></ul>
10:15 – 10:20	Video presentation of Iraq repatriation efforts
10:20 – 12:00 (100 minutes)	Ministerial Session: Leveraging Multilateralism for Repatriation, and Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration
	<p><i>Moderation: Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), UNOCT</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Fouad Hussein</b>, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Republic of Iraq</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Asaad Al-Shaibani</b>, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Syrian Arab Republic</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Ministerial-level Statements from the floor (see speakers list, to be circulated on 25 September – 3 minutes each)</i></p>
	<b>Session 1: The Situation in Camps and Places of Detention and Global Repatriation Trends</b>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b> (60 minutes)	<p><i>This session will provide an overview of the ongoing humanitarian, human rights and security crises in the camps and places of detention in northeast Syria, as well as the latest population data, assessing the scale and scope of the protracted crisis in the context of evolving regional dynamics. It will also offer the opportunity to delve into observed trends in repatriation efforts.</i></p> <p><i>Moderation: Mr. Rafi Shah</i>, Chief of the Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch (PKMCB), UNOCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Qasim al-Araji</b>, National Security Advisor, Republic of Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Admiral Charles “Brad” Cooper</b>, Commander, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gonzalo Vargas Llosa</b>, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Syria a.i. /UNHCR Representative to Syria</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Marianne Gasser</b>, Special Coordinator with a focus on Northeast Syria, International Committee of the Red Cross</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Janti Soeripto</b>, President and CEO of Save the Children US</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Observations from the floor</i></p>
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
	<b>Session 2: Repatriation Successes and Challenges</b>
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b> (60 minutes)	<p><i>This session will focus on national experiences in repatriation, including pre-departure arrangements, interagency coordination, legal and policy frameworks, including relevant human rights obligations, as well as logistical and operational obstacles. Participants will present good practices and challenges, including in relation to grounding repatriation efforts on legal and policy frameworks, considering specific needs of women, men, girls and boys, and addressing political and public communication environments.</i></p>

	<p><b>Moderation: Ms. Tamara Anderson</b>, Chief, Knowledge Management and Strategic Support Section, Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch, UNOCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Saeed Al-Jayashi</b>, Strategic Affairs Advisor, Office of the National Security Advisor, Republic of Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Greg LoGerfo</b>, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Zubaydullo Zubaydov</b>, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Kuwait</li> <li>• <b>Additional Member States</b> (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Observations from the floor</i></p>
<p><b>16:00 – 17:00</b> (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 3: From Accountability to Reintegration – Promising Practices in PRR</b></p> <p><i>This session will explore national experiences related to the management of repatriated individuals through the development and implementation of prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration strategies. Panellists will be invited to reflect on promising practices and ongoing challenges, from undertaking screening and initial assessments, rehabilitation practices in custodial and non-custodial settings, to ensuring accountability by leveraging different legal frameworks. The discuss will consider how these strategies, policies and practices are adapted to the varied circumstances and needs of individuals, and implemented in accordance with Member States’ obligations under international law, as well as relevant international standards and Security Council resolutions.</i></p> <p><b>Moderation: Mr. Zeeshan Amin</b>, Chief, Strategic Coordination Section, Head of Office, Baghdad, UNOCT (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Evan Jabro</b>, Minister of Migration and Displacement, Republic Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Judge Raed al-Mosleh</b>, President, Nineveh Court of Appeal, Republic of Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tazhykan Shabdanova</b>, President, Foundation for Tolerance International, Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Saken-Tay Mukhamejanov</b>, Director of the AQNIET Foundation, Republic of Kazakhstan</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Observations from the floor</i></p>

<p><b>17:00 – 17:45</b> (45 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 4: International and Regional Cooperation on PRR and the role of the United Nations</b></p>
	<p><i>This session will explore how the United Nations and international partners can strengthen their assistance to Member States across the PRR spectrum. It will look at existing coordination mechanisms, regional initiatives, and available capacity-building initiatives.</i></p> <p><i>Moderation: Ms. Larissa Adameck, Head of Global Programme on Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration, UNOCT/UNCCT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ted Chaiban</b>, Assistant Secretary-General, UNICEF</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Isaczai</b>, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Additional Member State</b> (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Observations from the floor</i></p>
<p><b>17:45 – 18:00</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Concluding Session: Chair’s Summary and Closing Remarks</b></p>
	<p><i>Moderation: (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Fuad Hussein</b>, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Republic of Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Alexandre Zouev</b>, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations</li> </ul>