



## **Oral Statement by the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)**

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### **The Need for Assistance to Children Survivors of Sale and Sexual Exploitation**

The IBA's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) welcomes this opportunity to engage in the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children.

The IBAHRI welcomes the report on the issue of reparations and hopes that its recommendations will be implemented by governments. Reparations are an important part of justice and accountability, but too often neglected.

The IBAHRI welcomes the work in Iraq that has resulted in the adoption of the Yazidi Survivors Law in 2021. However, until this day, the law is not implemented. Furthermore, reparations are often a privilege that can be accessed by a few. Indeed, to this day, over 2,700 Yazidi women and children are missing and there has been no international effort to rescue them. Until they are rescued, they cannot begin their journey towards justice. Furthermore, many of those rescued struggle to access basic services, including receiving documents that will be necessary for reparations. They also lack access to assistance for their injuries. These issues affect their experiences and prevent them from seeing justice being done.

The IBAHRI, therefore, calls on:

- the international community to work together to locate and rescue the missing Yazidi women and children;
- the international community to ensure that these women and children are provided with all the assistance that they require to reestablish their lives;
- the international community to work with Iraq to ensure that the Yazidi Survivors Law is implemented without any further delays and survivors are provided with reparations.

Thank you.

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