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To the attention of:

The Honorable Mr. Patrick
Maisonave,
Ambassador of the French
Republic

The Honorable Mr. Matthew
Gould,
Ambassador of the United
Kingdom

The Honorable Mr. Sergey
Yakovlev,
Ambassador of the Russian
Federation

The Honorable Mr. Lars
Faaborg-Andersen,
Ambassador of the European
Union

The Honorable Ms. GAO
Yanping,
Ambassador of the People's
Republic of China

The Honorable Mr. Daniel
Shapiro,
Ambassador of the United
States of America

Re: Urgent and immediate action to stop the Yazidi genocide in Iraq

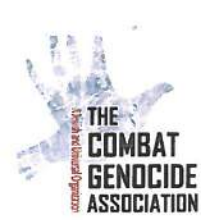
I appeal to you with the utmost of urgency and urge you to contact the relevant governmental authorities in your country to take decisive, urgent and immediate action, using all the humanitarian and diplomatic tools available to your government, in order to stop the Yazidi genocide in northern Iraq.

Solidarity between people and between nations is one of the cornerstones of human society. Our ability to feel empathy for any individual who is suffering, wherever they are, is what defines our humanity and it is what makes us responsible for taking action when acts are being performed against people, whoever and wherever they are. We must all examine ourselves according to the criterion of implementing this responsibility, and when we do so, the last words of Szmul Zygielbojm to the conscience of the world in protest against the indifference of the nations in light of the genocide of our people, before he committed suicide in London, should resonate in our ears:

“The responsibility for the crime of the murder of the whole Jewish nationality in Poland rests first of all on those who are carrying it out, but indirectly it falls also upon the whole of humanity, on the peoples of the Allied nations and on their governments, who up to this day have not taken any real steps to halt this crime. By looking on passively upon this murder of [the] defenseless millions [of] tortured children, women and men they have become partners to the responsibility.”

From the suicide letter of Szmul Zygielbojm, a member of the Polish National Council In Exile, May 11, 1943

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This responsibility rests tenfold with your countries, as they are the five powers that can stop atrocities being committed around the world. Unfortunately, these atrocities are not prevented because of political interests, and time and time again, innocent people are being mass-murdered.

The "Islamic State" (IS/ISIS) is a Genocidaire, fundamentalist organization that is intolerant of differences in religion. The organization's members persecute and murder masses of Sunnis, Christians and Kurds.

Islamic State members are now threatening to kill all Yazidis and to annihilate this unique people. These actions amount to genocide, as defined in the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide:

“Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

(a) **killing members of the group**; (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) **deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part**; (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.” (The emphases are ours.)

The declared aim of Islamic State members is clear, and as such must not be ignored. Members of the organization call the Yazidis "infidels" and “devil worshippers” and are willing to kill them wherever they are.

The Yazidi genocide has already begun! If your country does not act, it will be over within only a few days.

The future of the Yazidis depends on the world's response and on stopping the progress of Islamic State before they reach the remaining concentrations of Yazidis.

As the sons and daughters of the Jewish people, we are not prepared or even permitted to stand idly by in the face of these atrocities. We appeal to you, the ambassadors of the powers, to please pass our plea on to your governments.

We require that you act in light of the norm of *the Responsibility to Protect* to save the besieged Yazidis in Jabal Sinjar and to prevent the possibility of Islamic State conquering the Yazidi enclave in the Shihan region, northeast of Mosul.

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The organization I head will be happy to be of assistance in any way or matter we are able to — whether by the dissemination of information, or by liaising with international organizations. In this context, I wish to mention the humanitarian aid we provided to Syrian refugees in "Operation Human Warmth". We will be happy to assist in the formulation of such a plan of action, and in putting it into action.

Thank you for your urgent response!

Sincerely-

Pesach housfater - Chairman

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