

# **Iraq –Pre-session briefing**

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# Enforced disappearances



## Recommendations:

- Urgently shed light on the fate and whereabouts of disappeared individuals, including by clarifying all urgent actions pending before the CED;
- Establish an independent commission of inquiry to investigate all cases of enforced disappearances;
- Create an enabling environment for human rights defenders to carry out their work, including by ceasing all acts of reprisals, and launching impartial and thorough investigations into all allegations of reprisals.

# Human rights and counter-terrorism



## 1) The death penalty & the Anti-Terrorism Law

### Recommendations

- Adopt a formal moratorium on the death penalty with a view towards its abolition.
- Amend the Anti-Terrorism Law and put it in line with international human rights standards.

## 2) Trials of ISIL suspects and due process guarantees

### Recommendations

- Reform the judicial system to guarantee its neutrality and independence;
- Ensure that due process guarantees and fair trial rights are upheld in all cases, including counterterrorism, and ensure victim participation.

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## 3) Treatment of individuals perceived as affiliated with ISIL

### Recommendations

- Immediately halt the practice of confiscating the identity documents of individuals in IDP camps;
- Establish mechanisms for the effective and full reintegration of individuals with perceived ISIL affiliations back into their communities.