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EBF Yerevan RESOLUTION on Iraq

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Yerevan, Armenia, 20th – 23rd September 2017

Laments the tragic situation that all the people of Iraq find themselves in following the violence of recent years

Recognises the historic and continuing significance of the Christian Church in Iraq, present since the first century and part of the foundation of the Iraqi population.

Rejoices in the faithfulness of Iraqi Christians who have remained and those who are returning, under difficult circumstances, to continue the worship, witness and service of the Christian Church in Iraq.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Urges the Iraqi government to make every effort to rebuild the basic infrastructure of roads, buildings, and electricity and water supplies in destroyed communities to enable displaced families to return and contribute to the rebuilding of Iraqi society.

Challenges international agencies and international NGOs to also contribute to the practicalities of rebuilding communities, some of which have seen 90% of their buildings and facilities destroyed, so that Christians and others can return to their ancestral homes.

Promises to continue to pray for strength and courage for our Iraqi brothers and sisters in Christ as they seek to rebuild their lives and broken communities.

Calls on the Church worldwide to join in sustained prayer on behalf of Iraqi Christians and in challenging the Iraqi government to maintain religious freedom for all members of its population.