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Dear Messrs. Sekulow and Ash,

Many thanks to you and to the European Centre for Law and Justice for your letter of 23 October 2017, in which you provide testimony of the barbaric actions of the Islamic State (ISIL) against Christians, Yezidis and representatives of other religious and ethnic minority communities in Syria and Iraq.

I would like to support what my colleague the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng, has replied to you in his letter dated 12 September 2017: We need to ensure that all minority groups have a space in the future of Iraq.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Šimonović', written over a vertical line that serves as a separator between the signature and the name below.

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