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ENDING TERROR IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

From the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, where the international community has come together to stand against terror, the Socialist International recalled the declaration of the SI Council in Mexico City on 30 June-1 July 2014 on the insurgency in Iraq, which condemned the acts of the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The attacks perpetrated by ISIS have increased in their barbarism and the group now operates with disregard for national borders across areas of northern Iraq and Syria.

The whole of humanity must take a stand against the senseless murder committed by terrorists. There is a need for action in defence of life, the values of humanity and civilisation. These values are threatened by ISIS terrorism, and it is imperative that concerted efforts are made to protect innocents in Iraq, Syria and beyond from the terrorist menace and prevent its further spread.

The Socialist International fully supports the government and people of Iraq as they work to strengthen and consolidate open, inclusive and democratic institutions in that country. Furthermore, we extend our solidarity to Iraqis from all religious and ethnic groups, who have bravely taken a stand against terror in their country.

The Socialist International recognises the steps taken by members of the international community in offering support and assistance to the Iraqi people, and calls on the entire community to join in this cause. In this regard, the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution to prevent the flow of foreign terrorist fighters is a positive development.

We also reiterate the declaration of the SI Council for the need to resolve the conflict in Syria, removing the power vacuum within which terrorist organisations are able to freely operate. The Socialist International remains fully committed on the side of those who wish to bring democracy and peace to Syria, with respect for the rights and freedoms of all.
