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Subject: Draft General Recommendation on TWGCGM

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Dear CEDAW Committee,

The Free Yezidi Foundation (FYF) would like to submit its recommendations regarding the CEDAW General Recommendations on Trafficking. As an organization led by Yezidi women, the matter of abuse and mistreatment of women is a top priority.

FYF believes it is essential that the legal distinctions between trafficking and human slavery are accurately reflected and preserved in the CEDAW document. We believe this is critical. As the Yezidis have experienced some of the worst abuses of human slavery in the last several years, it is important that this typology of crime is not conflated with trafficking. I hope the draft will lay out that women and girls should enjoy protection from both trafficking and the slave trade.

In this regard, FYF associates itself with the letter from Dr. Patricia Viseur Sellers and Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum on this subject.

The Free Yezidi Foundation applauds the efforts of CEDAW to construct instruments that further strengthen international norms around protection and human rights, particularly in reference to women and girls.

Sincerely,

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