

**Nations unies - Irak - Éléments à la
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Remarques à la presse du
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France auprès des Nations unies**
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Following our meeting on the situation in Irak, here are some press elements that the members of the Security Council agreed on and that I will read to you in my capacity as President of the Council :

The members of the Security Council expressed concern over increased tensions and reports of violence between Iraqi federal forces and Kurdish Peshmerga.

Council members called on all sides to refrain from the threat and use of force and to engage in constructive dialogue - facilitated by the United Nations, upon request - as a pathway to de-escalation and a means to preserve Iraqi unity.

Council members recalled the need for the rights and aspirations of all Iraqi citizens to be met through full implementation of the Iraqi constitution.

Council members noted that the federal and regional governments have both expressed willingness to engage in dialogue. We encourage them to expeditiously set a timetable to hold these discussions.

Council members reaffirmed their respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and unity of Iraq. They also reaffirmed the importance of remaining focused on efforts to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh). Council members likewise voiced their full support for United Nations efforts in this regard.

Les membres du conseil de sécurité ont exprimé leur préoccupation face aux tensions croissantes et aux informations faisant état de violences entre les forces fédérales irakiennes et les Pershmergas kurdes.

Les membres du conseil ont appelé l'ensemble des parties à s'abstenir de recourir à la menace et l'usage de la force et à engager un dialogue constructif - facilité, à leur demande, par les Nations unies - en vue d'une désescalade et afin de préserver l'unité irakienne.

Les membres du conseil ont rappelé la nécessité que les droits et aspirations de tous les citoyens irakiens soient respectés dans le cadre de la pleine mise en oeuvre de la Constitution irakienne.

Les membres du conseil ont noté que les gouvernements fédéral et régional avaient tous deux exprimé leur volonté d'engager un dialogue. Nous les encourageons à établir au plus vite un calendrier pour la tenue de ces discussions.

Les membres du conseil ont réaffirmé leur respect pour la souveraineté, l'intégrité territoriale et l'unité de l'Irak. Ils ont également réaffirmé l'importance de rester concentrés sur la lutte contre l'État Islamique en Irak et au Levant (Daech). Les membres du conseil ont exprimé leur plein soutien aux efforts des Nations unies à cet égard.

Q - On Syria, Mr. de Mistura spoke about his priorities and he mentioned that the next session is going to be about writing a new Constitution and the elections. Is this a walk away from transition and what is your government's position regarding what Mr. Tillerson said today, that there is no future for the family of Assad, in Syria ? One more, also on JIM, the Russian Ambassador said that he would seek the change of mandate of JIM, if you want the support of Russia for the renewal.

A - On the JIM, we will not give up, as I said during my public statement yesterday in the Council. We believe that yesterday's vote cannot be the last word and that all of us should roll up our sleeves and work hard to get an agreement. There is no other way. Simply because the stakes are too high : what is at stake here is not only the future of Syria, not only the fight against impunity but the very future of the non-proliferation regimes that we patiently built over the last decades and that are more than ever the backbone of international peace and security. So, the stakes are simply too high, we will not give up and we hope we can get an agreement on the JIM.

Secondly, on the transition in Syria, I will not comment Secretary Tillerson's comments, for sure. What I can tell you is that I felt a profound sense of unity during the consultations that we had on Syria to consider that the UN, meaning also the Geneva process, must remain front and center. There is I believe a profound sense of unity on this and this is certainly one of France's key messages./.