

# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2016/3028(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on mass graves in Iraq		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		
Geographical area Iraq		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
15/12/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/12/2016	Debate in Parliament		
15/12/2016	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0507/2016</a>	Summary
15/12/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2016/3028(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1344/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1347/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1349/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1351/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1355/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1358/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B8-1362/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	

Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	<a href="#">T8-0507/2016</a>	15/12/2016	EP	Summary
Joint motion for resolution	<a href="#">RC-B8-1344/2016</a>	15/12/2016		

## Resolution on mass graves in Iraq

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the on mass graves in Iraq.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by the EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA and EFDD groups.

Members condemned without reservation the continuing atrocities and flagrant violations of international humanitarian and human rights law committed by ISIS/Daesh. They noted with overwhelming dismay the ongoing discoveries of new mass graves in Iraq and Syria, which are evidence of the terror committed by ISIS/Daesh.

They called on the Iraqi authorities, including the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG), to take urgent steps to protect the gravesites around Mount Sinjar and to take all other necessary measures to preserve the evidence of the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by ISIS/Daesh, in order to ensure accountability.

They called for the European Union, its Member States and other potential international donors to facilitate and lend their full support to the Government of Iraq in setting up the human resources and infrastructure needed for the preservation and analysis of evidence that could be vital to future domestic and international accountability processes.

They are particularly alarmed by the situation of women and children in the conflict, in particular the Yazidi women and children who are victims of persecution, executions, torture, sexual exploitation and other atrocities.

Members expressed their support for the Republic of Iraq and its people and stressed that the right to return to their ancestral homeland for the displaced indigenous peoples of the Nineveh Plain, Tal Afar and Sinjar many of whom are displaced within Iraq should be a policy priority of the Iraqi Government.

Members called on the international community, including the EU Member States, to bring to justice ISIS/Daesh members within their jurisdiction, including by applying the principle of universal jurisdiction.