





**Commite:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Agenda item I:** Assessing the Current State of Climate Crisis

Agenda item II: Environmental Problems Regarding Cities

Country: Iraq

For the assessing the current state of climate crisis need various a lots of factors to consider, for example burning fossil fuels, global warming, whether events, volcanic eruptions et cetera. Because climate crisis related with this factors. The environmental problems of cities are influenced by their geographical location and uniqueness.

Iraq joined the CCAC in 2015, aiming to achieve its climate goals. In 2021, the Iraqi Ministry of Health and Environment, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Iraq, submitted its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). This NDC was comprised of several revised policies to reduce the country's greenhouse gas emissions while addressing other sectors including agriculture, waste, transport, and oil and gas. We as Iraq think that one of solutions this issue is working with international cooperations. Such as International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Green Climate Fund (GCF), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Iraq think is environmental problems regarding cities significant issue. Iraq has a law No.8 of 2008 Environmental Protection and Improvement in Iraqi Kurdistan Region. Also The National Environmental Strategy and Action Plan is a sectoral national strategy document of Iraq. It applies for the period of 2013-2017. Its main objective is to improve the quality of life and livelihood of the population ,building an institutional and educational awareness to preserve the environment; a clear roadmap to implement the principles of proper environmental management. The Iraqi government signed the Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Change. (COP28, UNICEF)

In Iraq's view, one important solution is to develop the Green City. For this, we need to consider the aspects: sustainable urban planning, renewable energy and energy efficiency also green building standards and incentives.

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