

International Efforts to Counter ISIL, Support the People of Iraq and Syria, and Mitigate the Humanitarian Consequences of the Conflict in Iraq and Syria

This list represents public contributions of individual countries to the many dimensions of the effort against ISIL and in support of the Iraqi and Syrian people who are facing ISIL’s brutality. Some countries have not made public their contributions to this effort, so this list does not reflect every single element of the international response. As additional countries consider what roles they can play in this international effort, or as countries on this list take on additional commitments, this list will grow and continue to be updated.

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Albania

8/28/14: AFP: “Albania Has Started Sending Weapons And Ammunition To Kurdish Forces Fighting Islamic State Militants In Iraq, A Defence Ministry Source Said On Thursday... Albania Earlier This Month Said It Would Send Large Quantities Of Weapons To Help Kurdish Fighters Beat Back Advancing Jihadists, Including Up To 22 Million AK47 Rifle Rounds And 32,000 Artillery Shells.” “Albania has started sending weapons and ammunition to Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants in Iraq, a defence ministry source said on Thursday. The first shipment was sent on Sunday, said a ministry source who requested anonymity. Despite being one of the poorest nations in Europe, Muslim-majority Albania earlier this month said it would send large quantities of weapons to help Kurdish fighters beat back advancing jihadists, including up to 22 million AK47 rifle rounds and 32,000 artillery shells. Militants led by the Islamic State (IS) launched a major offensive in June that overran large areas of Iraq, and began a renewed push earlier this month that saw Kurdish forces pushed back towards their regional capital of Arbil. US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Tuesday that in addition to the United States and Albania, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, France and the United Kingdom have pledged to send military support to Kurdish forces. ‘Operations have already begun and will accelerate in the coming days with more nations also expected to contribute,’ Hagel said.” [AFP, [8/28/14](#)]

8/27/14: BIRN Albania: “Under A Decision Taken On August 15 And Published In The Official Gazette On Tuesday, Albania Intends To Transfer 22 Million Rounds Of AK-47 7.62 Millimeter Bullets, 15,000 Hand Grenades And 32,000 Artillery Shells Of Different Calibers To Kurdish Forces In Iraq. Tirana Also Announced That It Is Donating 10,000 Model-56 Kalashnikov Automatic Rifles To Afghanistan.” “A source in Albania's Ministry of Defence, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told BIRN that weapons transfer [to Iraqi Kurds] had begun following a government decision earlier this month. At least one C-17 US Air Force transport plane, commonly used for the transfer of weapons and ammunition, was seen leaving Tirana’s Mother Teresa Airport on Sunday. Under a decision taken on August 15 and published in the official gazette on Tuesday, Albania intends to transfer 22 million rounds of AK-47 7.62 millimeter bullets, 15,000 hand grenades and 32,000 artillery shells of different calibers to Kurdish forces in Iraq. Tirana also announced that it is donating 10,000 model-56 Kalashnikov automatic rifles to Afghanistan.” [Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN), [8/27/14](#)]

Arab League

9/7/14: AFP: ““What Is Needed Is A Clear Decision For A Comprehensive Confrontation, Militarily And Politically,’ [Arab League Secretary General Nabil Al- Arabi] Said At A Meeting Of Arab Foreign Ministers, A Day After He And US Secretary Of State John

Kerry Discussed Taking Action Against The Jihadist Group That Controls Swathes Of Iraq And Syria... ‘What Is Happening In Iraq Is That The Terrorist Organization Not Only Threatens A State’s Authority, But Threatens Its Very Existence And The Existence Of Other States,’ He Said.” “Arab League chief Nabil Al-Arabi on Sunday called for a military and political confrontation with Islamic State jihadists and other militants he said threatened the existence of Arab states. ‘What is needed is a clear decision for a comprehensive confrontation, militarily and politically,’ Arabi said at a meeting of Arab foreign ministers, a day after he and US Secretary of State John Kerry discussed taking action against the jihadist group that controls swathes of Iraq and Syria... Arabi said IS posed a threat to the existence of Iraq and other states in the region. ‘What is happening in Iraq is that the terrorist organization not only threatens a state’s authority, but threatens its very existence and the existence of other states,’ he said.” [AFP, [9/7/14](#)]

9/7/14: Associated Press: “The Head Of The Arab League Urged Its Members Sunday To Confront Islamic State Extremists ‘Militarily And Politically,’ Issuing An Apparent Call To Arms As President Barack Obama Prepares To Go To Lawmakers And The American Public With His Own Plan To Stop The Militants...Arab League Chief Nabil Elaraby Said That What Is Needed From Arab Countries Is A ‘Clear And Firm Decision For A Comprehensive Confrontation’ With ‘Cancerous And Terrorist’ Groups.” “The head of the Arab League urged its members Sunday to confront Islamic State extremists ‘militarily and politically,’ issuing an apparent call to arms as President Barack Obama prepares to go to lawmakers and the American public with his own plan to stop the militants... Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby said that what is needed from Arab countries is a ‘clear and firm decision for a comprehensive confrontation’ with ‘cancerous and terrorist’ groups. The Arab League includes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates... He called the Islamic State a threat to the existence of Iraq and its neighbors. It is ‘one of the examples of the challenges that are violently shaking the Arab world, and one the Arab League, regrettably, has not been able to confront,’ he said.” [Associated Press, [9/7/14](#)]

9/7/14: Reuters: “The Arab League Also Endorsed In The Closing Statement Of Its Meeting In Cairo A UN Security Council Resolution Passed Last Month Calling On Member States To ‘Act To Suppress The Flow Of Foreign Fighters, Financing And Other Support To Islamist Extremist Groups In Iraq And Syria.’” “Arab League foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to take all necessary measures to confront Islamic State and cooperate with international, regional and national efforts to combat militants who have overrun swathes of Iraq and Syria. The Arab League also endorsed in the closing statement of its meeting in Cairo a UN Security Council resolution passed last month calling on member states to ‘act to suppress the flow of foreign fighters, financing and other support to Islamist extremist groups in Iraq and Syria.’ Baghdad had earlier submitted a draft resolution endorsing its own efforts to confront militants who have seized large areas for a cross-border caliphate and to condemn Islamic State’s actions as war crimes and crimes against humanity.” [Reuters, [9/7/14](#)]

Austria

Humanitarian

8/21/14: Austrian Foreign Ministry: “A Few Days Ago, The Austrian Government Approved The Provision Of € 1 Million In Emergency Aid From The Foreign Disaster Relief Fund To The UNO In Northern Iraq, And Now It Has Launched Another Initiative: A Joint Relief Operation Of The Austrian Foreign And Defence Ministries.” “Austria is offering its help. A few days ago, the Austrian Government approved the provision of € 1 million in emergency aid from the Foreign Disaster Relief Fund to the UNO in Northern Iraq, and now it has launched another initiative: a joint relief operation of the Austrian Foreign and Defence Ministries. Austria is providing Red Cross aid packages in the value of 150,000 euros financed by the Austrian Development Agency operating within the Foreign Ministry. The Austrian Army will transport the packages by means of a C-130 Hercules aircraft to Leipzig next Thursday; the German Army will then take them along with other relief supplies to the crisis area. The supplies will be distributed by Austrian Embassy staff in cooperation with local bodies; the Austrian Foreign Ministry is in contact with the Kurdish leaders on site. The packages contain supplies for medical emergency aid. This aid mission will ensure medical aid for 100,000 people for three months. Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz: ‘Starting at the end of last week, Austria was among the first countries to provide help to Northern Iraq in this humanitarian crisis. We do not turn a blind eye to this situation; we do what we can. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing from the fighters of a cruel terrorist organisation. Austria does not close its eyes. We are offering our help.’” [Austrian Foreign Ministry, [8/21/14](#)]

Australia

9/8/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “The Australian Defence Force Has Completed Its Third Air Shipment Of Military Stores To Erbil In Northern Iraq. As With Previous Missions, The RAAF C-17A Globemaster Aircraft Flew From Tirana, Albania Via Baghdad Where Iraqi Officials Inspected And Cleared The Cargo Of Approximately 50 Tonnes Of Small Arms Ammunition Prior To Delivery To Erbil.” “The Australian Defence Force has completed its third air shipment of military stores to Erbil in Northern Iraq. As with previous missions, the RAAF C-17A Globemaster aircraft flew from Tirana, Albania via Baghdad where Iraqi officials inspected and cleared the cargo of approximately 50 tonnes of small arms ammunition prior to delivery to Erbil. The mission was carried out without incident and the C-17A is now returning to Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB) in the UAE. Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules and C-17A Globemaster aircraft remain available to assist with more tasks.” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/8/14](#)]

9/5/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “Australia Has Delivered A Second Air Shipment Of Military Stores To Erbil In Northern Iraq.” “Australia has delivered a second air shipment of military stores to Erbil in Northern Iraq. The RAAF C-17A Globemaster aircraft flew from Tirana, Albania via Baghdad where Iraqi officials inspected and cleared the cargo prior to delivery. The mission was carried out without incident and the C-17A is now returning to Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB) in the UAE. Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston said the latest shipment is evidence of Australia’s continuing commitment to the people of Iraq. ‘These supply runs are vital and most appreciated by those at the forefront of the campaign against Islamic extremists,’ Vice Admiral Johnston said. Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules and C-17A Globemaster aircraft remain available to assist with more tasks.” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/5/14](#)]

9/3/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “An Australian C-17A Globemaster Aircraft Has Landed At Al Minhad Air Base In The United Arab Emirates (UAE) After Delivering Military Stores To Erbil, Northern Iraq.” “An Australian C-17A Globemaster aircraft has landed at Al Minhad Air Base in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) after delivering military stores to Erbil, Northern Iraq. The aircrew flew from Al Minhad Air Base over the weekend via Tirana, Albania where the aircraft was loaded. The aircraft’s crew has confirmed that no shots were fired at the aircraft and that their mission was carried out without incident. Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston said further aid, stores and support flights may be planned to assist the people of northern Iraq, who remain under threat from extremist Islamic fighters. ‘The aircrew and support staff at Joint Task Force 633 have done a great job to successfully coordinate this mission to assist the people of northern Iraq,’ Vice Admiral Johnston said. ‘The cargo, in this case ammunition, was first inspected and cleared by Iraqi officials onboard the aircraft in Baghdad before the aircraft landed in Erbil. ‘Our contribution in Iraq will continue to be coordinated with the Iraqi government, regional countries and our international partners.’” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/3/14](#)]

9/1/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Statement To Parliament: “I Refuse To Call This Hideous Movement ‘Islamic State’ Because It’s Not A State; It Is A Death Cult. In Good Conscience, Madam Speaker, Australia Cannot Leave The Iraqi People To Face This Horror, This Pure Evil, Alone Or Ask Others To Do So In The Name Of Human Decency What We Won’t Do Ourselves. It Is Right To Do What We Prudently And Proportionately Can To Alleviate This Suffering, To Prevent Its Spread And To Deal With Its Perpetrators.” “I refuse to call this hideous movement ‘Islamic State’ because it’s not a state; it is a death cult. In good conscience, Madam Speaker, Australia cannot leave the Iraqi people to face this horror, this pure evil, alone or ask others to do so in the name of human decency what we won’t do ourselves. It is right to do what we prudently and proportionately can to alleviate this suffering, to prevent its spread and to deal with its perpetrators. So far, Australian aircraft have participated in humanitarian airdrops to people trapped on Mount Sinjar and, just yesterday, to the besieged inhabitants of the town of Amerli. Yesterday’s airdrop was mounted in conjunction with American, British and French aircraft. In coming days, Australian aircraft will join an airlift of supplies, including military equipment, to the Kurdish regional government in Erbil.” [Prime Minister Tony Abbott Statement, [9/1/14](#)]

9/1/14: Sydney Morning Herald: “[Prime Minister Tony Abbott Said] ‘Whatever Might Be Done In The Future Will Be In Partnership With Our Allies And With The Support Of The Iraqi Government So There Is A World Of Difference Between What Is Happening Now And What Happened 10 Years Or So Back.’ Abbott Said The Weapons Airlifts Would Begin In ‘Coming Days.’” “[Prime Minister Tony Abbott] also raised the prospect of more military support if a request came from the US, but expressly ruled out troops on the ground taking part in combat. ‘I certainly don’t rule out further military involved but I do rule out combat troops on the ground,’ Mr Abbott told the Seven Network. ‘Whatever might be done in the future will be in partnership with our allies and with the support of the Iraqi government so there is a world of difference between what is happening now and what happened 10 years or so back.’ Mr Abbott said the weapons airlifts would begin in ‘coming days’. He said the situation in Iraq was a humanitarian catastrophe and security nightmare, which posed a direct threat to

Australia. ‘While it seems a long, long way away, it is reaching out to us,’ he said.” [Sydney Morning Herald, [9/1/14](#)]

8/31/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott: “Australia Has Agreed To Join An Airlift Of Military Equipment To The Kurds. We’ve Agreed To Join This Airlift At The Request Of The Obama Administration In The United States And With The Permission Of The Iraqi Government...I Also Can Announce That Australia Has Participated In A Humanitarian Airdrop To The Besieged Town Of Amreli In Northern Iraq – Again We’ve Done So At The Request Of The Obama Administration And With The Permission Of The Iraqi Government.” “PRIME MINISTER ABBOTT: Australia has agreed to join an airlift of military equipment to the Kurds. We’ve agreed to join this airlift at the request of the Obama Administration in the United States and with the permission of the Iraqi Government. Other countries involved in the airlift of military equipment to the Kurds include the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France and Italy. I also can announce that Australia has participated in a humanitarian airdrop to the besieged town of Amreli in northern Iraq – again we’ve done so at the request of the Obama Administration and with the permission of the Iraqi Government. I can announce that in coming days an Australian C-17 aircraft will be involved in airlifting equipment and supplies to Erbil in the Kurdish part of the Iraq. I can also say that we stand ready to participate in further humanitarian airdrops in Iraq should these be required.” [Prime Minister Tony Abbott Press Conference, [8/31/14](#)]

8/17/14: AFP: “Australia Will Offer To Resettle Some 4,400 People Fleeing Violence In Iraq And Syria, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison Said Sunday, Adding The Places Had Been Freed Up By Success In Stopping Asylum-Seeker Boats.” “Australia will offer to resettle some 4,400 people fleeing violence in Iraq and Syria, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison said Sunday, adding the places had been freed up by success in stopping asylum-seeker boats. Boat arrivals have all but dried up since Australia said it would refuse resettlement to any refugees arriving on unauthorised vessels, sending them instead to Papua New Guinea and Nauru in the Pacific... The minister said a minimum of 2,200 places would be for Iraqis, including ethnic and religious minorities fleeing the violence in the north of the country. ‘The government has also committed a minimum of 2,200 places for Syrians, including those now living in desperate conditions in countries such as Lebanon,’ he added.” [AFP, [8/17/14](#)]

8/14/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Release: “On Wednesday Night I Was Privileged To Visit Al Minhad Airbase In The United Arab Emirates Where The Dedicated And Highly Professional Men And Women Of The Australian Defence Force Were Preparing For The First Australian Humanitarian Aid Drop To Northern Iraq. The Mission Was Conducted By A RAAF C-130J Hercules Delivering Ten Pallets Of Badly Needed Supplies To Yezidi Civilians Trapped On Mount Sinjar By Encircling ISIL Forces. The Cargo Included 150 Boxes Of High Energy Biscuits And 340 Boxes Of Bottled Water – Enough To Sustain 3,700 People For 24 Hours.” “On Wednesday night I was privileged to visit Al Minhad Airbase in the United Arab Emirates where the dedicated and highly professional men and women of the Australian Defence Force were preparing for the first Australian humanitarian aid drop to Northern Iraq. The mission was conducted by a RAAF C-130J Hercules delivering ten pallets of badly needed supplies to Yezidi civilians trapped on Mount Sinjar by encircling ISIL forces. The cargo included 150 boxes of high energy biscuits and 340 boxes of bottled water –

enough to sustain 3,700 people for 24 hours...Australia is working closely with our allies and partners to respond to the humanitarian disaster unfolding in northern Iraq. The aid drops will continue until the security of the Yezidi civilians is assured and they can safely move from Mount Sinjar.” [Prime Minister of Australia – Release, [8/14/14](#)]

Belgium

9/10/14: Belgian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Spokesman Hendrik Van De Velde: “The MFA Position Is That We Are Positively Inclined To Contribute, And That We Have The Military Capacity To Do So. Belgium Does Have An Interest To Contribute.” “The MFA position is that we are positively inclined to contribute, and that we have the military capacity to do so. Belgium does have an interest to contribute. We are a country with jihadists joining the IS.” [De Morgen, [9/10/14](#)]

8/28/14: Kurdistan Regional Government – Release: “[Belgian] Ambassador [Thomas] Baekelandt Said That Belgium Is Fully Aware Of The Challenging Humanitarian Crisis Facing Internally Displaced People (IDPs) And Refugees Now Sheltered In Kurdistan. He Informed Minister Mustafa That Belgium Is Sending 13 Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid To Be Distributed To Idps And Refugees In The Kurdistan Region.” “Minister Falah Mustafa, Head of the KRG Department of Foreign Relations, today welcomed the Ambassador of Belgium to Jordan, Mr. Thomas Baekelandt, upon his first visit to Kurdistan. Ambassador Baekelandt said that Belgium is fully aware of the challenging humanitarian crisis facing internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees now sheltered in Kurdistan. He informed Minister Mustafa that Belgium is sending 13 tonnes of humanitarian aid to be distributed to IDPs and refugees in the Kurdistan Region. The Ambassador noted that his country would continue to engage with Kurdistan, offering further support, after the formation of Belgium’s new government. He praised the role of the KRG and its Peshmerga forces in protecting civilians and members of religious minority groups from the terrorist militants. Minister Mustafa thanked Ambassador Baekelandt for his visit to Kurdistan, expressing appreciation to the government and the people of Belgium for the provision of much-needed humanitarian assistance. He also pointed to the Peshmerga forces’ commitment to fight against the terrorists, a fight waged on behalf of the entire world in the name of tolerance, decency, and human rights for all civilians regardless of ethnicity or religion. [Kurdistan Regional Government – Release, [8/28/14](#)]

Bulgaria

9/9/14: Bulgarian Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov: “It Should Be Clear That The Entire International Community Should Unite And Ensure That This Threat Will Be Eliminated.” “It should be clear that the entire international community should unite and ensure that this threat will be eliminated. ... This conflict poses a direct threat to Bulgaria. ... Many of the ‘Islamic State’ fighters have European passports. They will pass through Europe, including Bulgaria, and here the secret services of all allies should cooperate very closely. Those people should be clearly identified. A plan should be drawn up to deal with them and the member countries should take measures to end the flow of people who go there.” [Bulgarian National Television (BNT), 9/9/14]

9/3/14: Standart: “The Islamists Threaten Both The Middle East And The EU External Borders, Bulgaria's Minister Of Foreign Affairs Daniel Mitov Told Standart In An Exclusive Interview. As Such, Following The Examples Of EU Countries Such As Estonia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, France And Britain, Bulgaria Will Also Provide Military Assistance. The Military Assistance Will Consist Of Munition, Transported To The City Of Erbil.” “The Islamists threaten both the Middle East and the EU external borders, Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs Daniel Mitov told Standart in an exclusive interview. As such, following the examples of EU countries such as Estonia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, France and Britain, Bulgaria will also provide military assistance. The military assistance will consist of munition, transported to the city of Erbil. Bulgaria will also seek opportunities to provide humanitarian aid, especially following a request by the Iraqi embassy in Sofia. It is also a well known fact that Bulgaria's ex Minister of foreign Affairs Nikolay Mladenov is now a special UN envoy to Iraq, minister Mitov noted.” [Standart, [9/3/14](#)]

Canada

9/5/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper – Release: “Prime Minister Stephen Harper Today Announced The Deployment Of Several Dozen Members Of The Canadian Armed Forces To Iraq. Upon Receipt Of Final Consent From Iraq, They Will Join The U.S. In Advising The Government Of Iraq On How To Enable Security Forces In The Northern Part Of The Country To Be More Effective Against The Threat Posed By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL)... . Canada Will Be Present In An Advisory And Assistance Role. The Initial Deployment Will Be For A Period Of Up To 30 Days.” “Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced the deployment of several dozen members of the Canadian Armed Forces to Iraq. Upon receipt of final consent from Iraq, they will join the U.S. in advising the Government of Iraq on how to enable security forces in the northern part of the country to be more effective against the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). This will contribute to protecting Iraqi citizens being persecuted by ISIL and help prevent any further escalation of the humanitarian crisis being caused by those fleeing the terrorist group. More specifically, Canadian Armed Forces members will provide strategic and tactical advice to Iraqi forces before they commence tactical operations against ISIL. Canada will be present in an advisory and assistance role. The initial deployment will be for a period of up to 30 days. It will be reassessed after that time.” [Prime Minister of Canada – Release, [9/5/14](#)]

9/5/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper – Release: “Prime Minister Stephen Harper Announced That A Royal Canadian Air Force CC-177 Globemaster III Strategic Airlifter Completed Its First Delivery Of Military Equipment, Donated By The Republic Of Albania, To Security Forces In Iraq Fighting ISIL. As Of September 3rd, 231,000 Pounds Of Military Supplies Have Been Successfully Delivered Via Five Flights.” “September 4, 2014: John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced the distribution of a second round of relief supplies from its emergency stockpile in the United Arab Emirates to meet the immediate needs of people affected by the conflict in Iraq. He also announced an additional \$5 million to provide emergency shelter and emergency relief supplies to conflict-affected people in northern Iraq, as well as \$2 million to provide urgent health-care services, bringing Canada's total humanitarian aid to the country to \$28 million since the beginning of 2014; September 3, 2014 John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced a contribution of \$15 million in security

programming that will directly benefit the people of Iraq. This includes \$10 million in non-lethal security assistance for equipment such as helmets, body armour and logistics-support vehicles to assist security forces combating ISIL, and \$5 million to support regional efforts to limit the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria...August 29, 2014: Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that a Royal Canadian Air Force CC-177 Globemaster III strategic airlifter completed its first delivery of military equipment, donated by the Republic of Albania, to security forces in Iraq fighting ISIL. As of September 3rd, 231,000 pounds of military supplies have been successfully delivered via five flights.” [Prime Minister of Canada – Release, [9/5/14](#)]

9/3/14: Government Of Canada – Release: “Canada Will Not Stand Idly By While ISIL Continues To Murder Innocent Civilians, Including Members Of Ethnic And Religious Minorities,’ Added [Foreign Affairs Minister John] Baird. ‘Canada Will Make An Additional Contribution Of \$15 Million To Support Security Measures. We Will Continue To Monitor The Situation, And Provide Further Assistance As Needed.’ This Contribution Includes \$10 Million In Non-Lethal Security Assistance To Provide Equipment Such As Helmets, Body Armour And Logistics Support Vehicles To Security Forces In Iraq Combatting ISIL. It Also Includes \$5 Million To Support Regional Efforts To Limit The Movement Of Foreign Fighters Into Iraq And Syria.” “Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird was in Baghdad today to meet with government officials and discuss the critical humanitarian and security situation in Iraq. He was joined by an all-party delegation consisting of Paul Dewar, Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre, and Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament for Westmount-Ville-Marie... ‘I’m here in Iraq to demonstrate Canada’s commitment to Iraq’s stability, security, and prosperity,’ Baird said. ‘ISIL’s barbaric and expansionist advance in Syria and Iraq is further destabilizing the region and poses a very real threat to not only regional but also global security. Canada has taken action with the government of Iraq and our allies to counter ISIL’s activities... ‘Canada will not stand idly by while ISIL continues to murder innocent civilians, including members of ethnic and religious minorities,’ added Baird. ‘Canada will make an additional contribution of \$15 million to support security measures. We will continue to monitor the situation, and provide further assistance as needed.’ This contribution includes \$10 million in non-lethal security assistance to provide equipment such as helmets, body armour and logistics support vehicles to security forces in Iraq combatting ISIL. It also includes \$5 million to support regional efforts to limit the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria.” [Government of Canada – Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, [9/3/14](#)]

9/3/14: Government Of Canada: “[These Measures Are] In Addition To The \$5 Million Humanitarian Assistance Package Canada Has Already Provided To The Country.” “To help in the delivery of critical military supplies from contributing allies to security forces in Iraq fighting ISIL, Canada has deployed a Royal Canadian Air Force CC-130J Hercules and a CC-177 Globemaster, along with their crews of about 30 Canadian Armed Forces personnel. This measure is in addition to the \$5 million humanitarian assistance package Canada has already provided to the country.” [Government of Canada – Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, [9/3/14](#)]

7/22/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper: “Canada Condemns The Systematic Campaign Of Persecution That Is Being Perpetrated In The City Of Mosul, Iraq, By The Islamic State Of Iraq And Syria (ISIS)... The Very Notion Of Religious Freedom Is What ISIS Is

Working To Eradicate And What The Iraqi People And The International Community Cannot Surrender.” “Prime Minister Stephen Harper today issued the following statement condemning the recent campaign of religious persecution in Iraq: ‘Canada condemns the systematic campaign of persecution that is being perpetrated in the city of Mosul, Iraq, by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Its ultimatum – pay the jizya (tax on non-Muslims), convert, leave the city, or be killed – is the most recent measure aimed at forcing hundreds of thousands of Christians to convert to ISIS’ nefarious brand of Islam. Forced conversions, by threat of death, are an egregious violation of the fundamental human right to the freedom of religion. The very notion of religious freedom is what ISIS is working to eradicate and what the Iraqi people and the international community cannot surrender. Canada calls on the Iraqi Government to govern for all Iraqis, regardless of ethnic origin or religious belief, and to take immediate, effective measures against ISIS and the terrorists that it supports. ISIS’ ever-increasing campaign of violence endangers all individuals who do not share its beliefs, and threatens the very foundations of Iraq’s future as a secure, democratic and prosperous country.’” [Prime Minister of Canada – Statement, [7/22/14](#)]

Czech Republic

9/7/14: Czech News Agency (ČTK): “Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek (Social Democrats, ČSSD) Will Travel To Bagdad And Irbil On Sept. 15 Mainly To Discuss The Delivery Of Ammunition For Iraq Approved By The Czech Government, Zaorálek Told Czech Television (ČT) Today. The Ammunition Is To Help The Kurdish Militia In Its Fight Against Islamists... The Delivery Is Worth Over 40 Million Crowns, He Added.” “Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek (Social Democrats, ČSSD) will travel to Bagdad and Irbil on Sept. 15 mainly to discuss the delivery of ammunition for Iraq approved by the Czech government, Zaorálek told Czech Television (ČT) today. The ammunition is to help the Kurdish militia in its fight against Islamists. Zaorálek said as this was an extraordinarily big delivery and an extraordinary situation, it was important to speak with those to whom this related. The delivery of the ammunition is so big that the U.S. aircraft is helping its transport, he added. The Kurds are to receive millions of cartridges for their Kalashnikovs and machines guns as well as hand grenades and bazooka ammunition, Zaorálek said. The delivery is worth over 40 million crowns, he added.” [Czech News Agency (ČTK), [9/7/14](#)]

- **9/7/14: Czech News Agency (ČTK): “The Plan Was Supported By Former Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg (TOP 09). ‘If We Have Something At Our Disposal, We Should Deliver The Arms To The Peshmergas, Similarly To Germany. This Is Very Reasonable,’ He Added...Zaorálek Said U.S. Secretary Of State John Kerry Had Spoken With Him About The Situation In Iraq And Czech-U.S. Relations At The NATO Summit. ‘It Has Happened For The First Time In History That We Can See A Terrorist Group Being Transformed Into A Sort Of State. This Was Here Never Before,’ He Added.”** “The plan was supported by former foreign minister Karel Schwarzenberg (TOP 09). ‘If we have something at our disposal, we should deliver the arms to the Peshmergas, similarly to Germany. This is very reasonable,’ he added. On the other hand, the Czech Republic does not have the capabilities to intervene militarily in the region, Schwarzenberg said. Zaorálek said he had been waiting for the moment when the new Iraqi government would be formed that would be backed by the local parliament.

‘As it is still a single territory, including Kurdistan, I believe that it is important to discuss with the representatives in Bagdad and to exert a pressure on the creation of an inclusive government that will not repeat past political mistakes,’ Zaorálek said. He said commercial arms deliveries would be discussed, too. Zaorálek said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had spoken with him about the situation in Iraq and Czech-U.S. relations at the NATO summit. ‘It has happened for the first time in history that we can see a terrorist group being transformed into a sort of state. This was here never before,’ he added.” [Czech News Agency (ČTK), [9/7/14](#)]

Denmark

8/27/14: Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Of Denmark: “Today, The Danish Parliament (Folketinget) Has Approved A Danish Military Contribution (A C-130J Transport Aircraft) To Support Efforts To Combat The Terrorist Organisation ISIL In Iraq. The Aircraft Will Support The International Efforts Against ISIL And Assist Iraqi Authorities In Protecting The Civilian Population Against The Violent Attacks And Atrocities.”

“Today, the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) has approved a Danish military contribution (a C-130J transport aircraft) to support efforts to combat the terrorist organisation ISIL in Iraq. The aircraft will support the international efforts against ISIL and assist Iraqi authorities in protecting the civilian population against the violent attacks and atrocities. The Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark Martin Lidegaard states: ‘I am very happy with the unanimous political support for Denmark’s contribution to the fight against ISIL in Iraq. It is an important signal to our troops and to the international community. ISIL is currently one of the biggest – if not the biggest – threat the international community is facing right now. Denmark’s contribution to the ongoing military operation in Iraq will of course not eliminate ISIL completely, but aims at helping the Iraqis in engaging and countering ISIL’s current offensive. A political solution in Iraq is of paramount importance. First and foremost, Iraq must form an inclusive government, which I urged my Iraqi colleague to do during our conversation yesterday.’” [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, [8/27/14](#)]

Egypt

8/21/14: Foreign Ministry Of Egypt – Release: “The Foreign Ministry Strongly Denounced The Killing Of American Journalist James Foley Who Was Beheaded By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) In Syria. ‘This Is A Barbaric Brutal Crime That Runs Counter To Islamic Teachings,’ The Ministry Said In A Statement. The Ministry’s Spokesman Badr Abdel Aati Renewed Call On The International Community To Rally Efforts To Fight Terrorism.” “The Foreign Ministry strongly denounced the killing of American journalist James Foley who was beheaded by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria. ‘This is a barbaric brutal crime that runs counter to Islamic teachings,’ the ministry said in a statement. The ministry’s spokesman Badr Abdel Aati renewed call on the international community to rally efforts to fight terrorism. The ISIL has posted a video of the beheading of journalist Foley in revenge for US air strikes in Iraq. It prompted widespread horror that could push Western powers into further action against the group.” [Foreign Ministry Of Egypt – Statement, [8/21/14](#)]

Estonia

8/29/14: Republic Of Estonia – Foreign Minister Urmas Paet: “Estonia Has Decided To Donate A Million Machine Gun Cartridges To Support Their Struggle Against The Islamic State.” “At today's European Union foreign ministers meeting in Milan, Foreign Minister Urmas Paet said that European countries and the United States must increase their efforts to stop attacks by the Islamic State combatants and all other terrorist groups against civilians in Iraq and Syria. Paet added that Estonia is supporting the fight against terrorism with ammunition and by providing humanitarian assistance to refugees... ‘Estonia has decided to donate a million machine gun cartridges to support their struggle against the Islamic State,’ he said, adding that the donated ammunition was acquired in 1993-1995 and Estonia no longer needs them for their own defence purposes. According to Paet, Estonia has also provided humanitarian aid to people fleeing from the extremist attacks, in order to help alleviate the situation of internally displaced people. ‘We have supported internally displaced people in Iraq with 70,000 euros,’ Paet said, adding that Estonia has also provided assistance to Syrian refugees in Iraq.” [Republic of Estonia – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/29/14](#)]

Finland

8/12/14: Helsinki Times: “Erkki Tuomioja (SDP), The Minister For Foreign Affairs, Believes The Western Military Intervention In Iraq To Be Fully Justified As Long As The Assistance Efforts Enjoy The Support And Confidence Of The Iraqi Government.... ‘ISIS Has Turned Out To Be Perhaps The Most Ruthless Terrorist Organisation Of Our Time. It Has Committed Outright Genocide Or At Least Acts Similar To A Genocide,’ Tuomioja Viewed On Tuesday. ‘Taking Action Against It Was Absolutely Inevitable.’” “Erkki Tuomioja (SDP), the Minister for Foreign Affairs, believes the Western military intervention in Iraq to be fully justified as long as the assistance efforts enjoy the support and confidence of the Iraqi government. The United States has launched air strikes against militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in northern Iraq and announced its decision to deliver military aid to the Kurdish forces fighting against the Islamic terrorist organisation. France has similarly stated that it is prepared to provide military aid to the Kurdish forces. ‘ISIS has turned out to be perhaps the most ruthless terrorist organisation of our time. It has committed outright genocide or at least acts similar to a genocide,’ Tuomioja viewed on Tuesday. ‘Taking action against it was absolutely inevitable.’ Other countries, including Finland, can concentrate on delivering humanitarian aid to people in desperate need, said Tuomioja.” [Helsinki Times, [8/12/14](#)]

France

9/10/14: Associated Press: “France's Foreign Minister Said Wednesday His Country Is Ready To Take Part In Airstrikes Against Extremist Fighters In Iraq If Needed. Laurent Fabius Called For International Mobilization Against ‘This Transnational Danger That Could Reach All The Way To Our Soil’ ... Fabius Said In A Speech In Paris That ‘We Will Participate, If Necessary, In Military Air Action’ In Iraq, According To A Text Provided By The French Foreign Ministry.” “France's foreign minister said Wednesday his country is ready to take part in airstrikes against extremist fighters in Iraq if needed. Laurent Fabius called for international mobilization against ‘this transnational danger that could reach all the way to our soil.’ ... France has said it would join a U.S.-led coalition in Iraq and is sending arms to

Kurdish authorities to fight the militants. The French president and foreign minister are going to Iraq on Friday and hosting an international conference Monday on how to stop the group and help Iraq. Fabius said in a speech in Paris that ‘we will participate, if necessary, in military air action’ in Iraq, according to a text provided by the French Foreign Ministry.” [Associated Press, [9/10/14](#)]

9/10/14: Associated Press: “Speaking To Lawmakers, Fabius Said ‘The Determination Of The Daesh Butchers Is Strong. Ours Must Be Even Stronger.’” “Fabius said in a speech in Paris that ‘we will participate, if necessary, in military air action’ in Iraq, according to a text provided by the French Foreign Ministry. Earlier, Fabius said people should stop referring to the extremists as the Islamic State group, arguing that they do not represent Islam or a state. Fabius referred to the group Wednesday as Daesh, the acronym in Arabic for its full former name, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Speaking to lawmakers, Fabius said ‘the determination of the Daesh butchers is strong. Ours must be even stronger.’” [Associated Press, [9/10/14](#)]

9/6/14: CNN: “‘If There Is A Global Threat, Then There Has To Be A Global Response To The Threat,’ French President François Hollande Said.” “As the summit in Wales wrapped up, world leaders with representatives at the meeting started to make the case for further involvement, without definitively committing to additional actions. ‘If there is a global threat, then there has to be a global response to the threat,’ French President François Hollande said. ‘It’s a direct threat to us, to all of us because there are fighters coming from all countries, including France.’” [CNN, [9/6/14](#)]

9/5/14: Reuters: “French President Francois Hollande Said On Friday That France Would Join A Military Coalition To Help Battle Islamic State Militants In Iraq If Asked By The Government There.... ‘Are We Going To Participate In A Coalition At The Request Of Iraqi Authorities, In The Respect Of International Law, To Fight This Terrorist Group? The Response Is Yes,’ Hollande Told Journalists, When Asked If France Could Be Involved In Possible Air Strikes Or Boots On The Ground.” “French President Francois Hollande said on Friday that France would join a military coalition to help battle Islamic State militants in Iraq if asked by the government there, but did not provide specific details. Hollande spoke at a news conference on the sidelines of a NATO summit in Wales, where earlier in the day the United States said it was forming a ‘core coalition’ of allies and partners to fight the militants. ‘Are we going to participate in a coalition at the request of Iraqi authorities, in the respect of international law, to fight this terrorist group? The response is yes,’ Hollande told journalists, when asked if France could be involved in possible air strikes or boots on the ground.” [Reuters, [9/5/14](#)]

9/3/14: Government Of France: “France, Which Has Already Sent 59 Tons Of Humanitarian Cargo To Erbil, Will Make Further Deliveries Next Week. It Mobilized The EU On August 15 By Successfully Advocating For The Establishment Of A Humanitarian Airlift Which Already Amounts To €57 Million In Aid.” “Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, and Bernard Cazeneuve, Minister of the Interior, received representatives from the Catholic Church and Eastern Christian communities as well as several key figures in order to discuss the serious threat that the ‘Islamic State’ poses to minorities in Iraq. The two ministers recalled France’s efforts at the national level and in

cooperation with its partners to protect minorities in Iraq, provide emergency relief to displaced persons and refugees and combat the 'Islamic State.' France, which has already sent 59 tons of humanitarian cargo to Erbil, will make further deliveries next week. It mobilized the EU on August 15 by successfully advocating for the establishment of a humanitarian airlift which already amounts to €57 million in aid. The needs remain considerable... France has also made a commitment to receive - where justified on the grounds of urgency - refugees who have links with our country. Several dozen of them were recently received. Others will arrive in France next week in order to fulfill our commitment." [Government of France, [9/3/14](#)]

8/30/14: Government of France: "The French Armed Forces Dropped Three Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid On 30 August Above The Area Of Amerli, Whose Population, Mostly Shia Turkmen, Was Besieged By IS." "The French armed forces dropped three tonnes of humanitarian aid on 30 August above the area of Amerli, whose population, mostly Shia Turkmen, was besieged by IS. Coordinated with Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom, it [the aid drop] is intended to address this threatened population's immediate survival needs (water and foodstuffs). The operation follows humanitarian flights organized by France since 10 August for the displaced people in northern Iraq and which are now part of the humanitarian air bridge decided by the European Union at France's request. France will continue helping the Iraqi people threatened by violence and terrorism." [Government of France – Release, [8/30/14](#)]

8/20/14: Government Of France: "...A Third French Humanitarian Aid Flight Left This Morning For Erbil Carrying 21 Tons Of Cargo Destined For Ngos And The International Organization For Migration. This Aid Notably Includes Basic Foodstuffs (High-Energy Biscuits And Nutritional Supplements), Tents And Blankets, Kitchen Sets, Generators And Medicines." "As Laurent Fabius announced yesterday in the National Assembly, a third French humanitarian aid flight left this morning for Erbil carrying 21 tons of cargo destined for NGOs and the International Organization for Migration. This aid notably includes basic foodstuffs (high-energy biscuits and nutritional supplements), tents and blankets, kitchen sets, generators and medicines. This third flight is part of the humanitarian airlift agreed upon on August 15 by the European foreign affairs ministers, on Laurent Fabius's proposal. A total of 58 tons of humanitarian cargo have been sent since August 10 thanks to the mobilization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development's Crisis Center, humanitarian associations, Nutriset, the Veolia Foundation and the French association, Tulipe (International Emergency and Solidarity by Healthcare Companies). France is actively pursuing its efforts to support Iraqi civilians, paying particular attention to the minority groups suffering the abuses perpetrated by the 'Islamic State.'" [Government of France – Release, [8/20/14](#)]

8/13/14: Government Of France: "Laurent Fabius, The Minister Of Foreign Affairs And International Development, Confirms That As Announced, A Second Humanitarian Flight Will Arrive In Iraq August 13. It Is Carrying 20 Tons In Supplies, Notably Medication, Tents, And Water Treatment And Distribution Equipment For Some 50 Thousand People." "Laurent Fabius, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, confirms that as announced, a second humanitarian flight will arrive in Iraq August 13. It is carrying 20 tons in supplies, notably medication, tents, and water treatment and distribution

equipment for some 50 thousand people. France will carry out additional operations in the next few days to assist populations in grave danger.” [Government of France, [8/13/14](#)]

8/13/14: Office Of President Francois Hollande – Statement: “In Order To Respond To The Urgent Need Expressed By The Kurdistan Regional Authorities, The President Has Decided, In Agreement With Baghdad, To Deliver Arms In The Coming Hours.” “France will deliver weapons to Kurdish forces fighting Islamic extremists in Iraq, President Francois Hollande announced on Wednesday. ‘In order to respond to the urgent need expressed by the Kurdistan regional authorities, the president has decided, in agreement with Baghdad, to deliver arms in the coming hours,’ Hollande’s office said in a statement. ‘France intends to play an active role by providing, along with its partners and in liaison with the new Iraqi authorities, all the assistance required,’ the statement added. Over the weekend, Paris already provided 18 tonnes of humanitarian aid and a new shipment of 20 tonnes of aid was due to arrive in northern Iraq later Wednesday.” [AFP, [8/13/14](#)]

8/8/14: Reuters: “President Francois Hollande Said On Friday That France Was Ready To Take Part In Action To End Civilian Suffering In Iraq, And Planned Talks With International Partners To That End. ‘The International Community Cannot Ignore The Threat Represented By The Advance Of This Terrorist Group For The Local Population, The Stability Not Only Of Iraq But Of The Whole Region,’ Said Hollande In A Statement.” “President Francois Hollande said on Friday that France was ready to take part in action to end civilian suffering in Iraq, and planned talks with international partners to that end. ‘The international community cannot ignore the threat represented by the advance of this terrorist group for the local population, the stability not only of Iraq but of the whole region,’ said Hollande in a statement. ‘France will examine with the United States and other international partners what actions could be undertaken to end civilian suffering. We are ready to take responsibility for our part.’” [Reuters, [8/8/14](#)]

Georgia

9/7/14: Georgian Defense Minister Irakli Alasania: “We Fully Support What The United States Is Doing To Eradicate These Barbarians.” “Q: (off-mic) Mr. Minister just wanted to know what Georgia is likely to do or willing to do in this fight against the Islamic State. MIN. ALASANIA: (inaudible) -- trusted ally of the United States. We fully support what the United States is doing to eradicate these barbarians. And we have developed quite an institutional building experience that will help probably the Iraqis to put together their own armed forces. Training, exercises, these are the things that can come to our mind that our secretary mentioned the -- (inaudible) -- discussions -- (inaudible) -- trying to achieve, I think, Georgia continuing role, supportive role in that and we can also discuss further in our security cabinet how best we can support the allies.” [Joint Press Availability with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, [9/7/14](#)]

Germany

9/1/14: German Chancellor Angela Merkel: “We Have Seen Acts Of Unbelievable Brutality... Now, We Have The Chance To Help Save Lives And Prevent Any Further

Mass Murder In Iraq, And We Must Use This Chance.” “The IS militants are destabilising the entire region, with impacts on Germany, said Chancellor Angela Merkel. A stop must be put to the spread of IS terror, declared the Chancellor, explaining the decision to supply weapons to the Kurds in Iraq, as the country faces a humanitarian disaster. A meeting of ministers chaired by Angela Merkel decided on Sunday evening to supply arms to the Kurds in northern Iraq. This is to support them in their fight against the terrorist militants of the Islamic State (IS). ‘We have seen acts of unbelievable brutality,’ said Angela Merkel. IS is not only a threat to minorities. Everybody who stands up to the Islamic State must fear the worst. ‘The IS proceeds with inconceivable brutality.’ ... ‘We have weighed up the pros and cons very carefully, taking into account all aspects of foreign and security policy.’ We were faced with a choice and we have chosen to support those who need our help. We are aware of the attendant risks, she said. ‘But, can we really wait and hope that somebody else will see it as his or her responsibility?’ ‘Now, we have the chance to help save lives and prevent any further mass murder in Iraq, and we must use this chance,’ summed up the Chancellor.” [Chancellor Of Germany – Statement, [9/1/14](#)]

8/31/14: Reuters: “Germany Will Send Enough Weapons To Arm 4,000 Kurdish Fighters In Northern Iraq Battling Against Islamic State (IS) Insurgents, Whose Advances Threaten To Destabilize The Middle East, The Defense Minister Said On Sunday. The Equipment Will Include Armor-Piercing Weapons Like Anti-Tank Rockets, Thousands Of Assault Rifles, Hand Grenades, Mine-Clearing Equipment, Night-Vision Goggles, Field Kitchens And Tents. ‘The Weapons Delivery Is Enough To Supply A Brigade Of 4,000 Soldiers,’ Said Defense Minister Ursula Von Der Leyen.” “Germany will send enough weapons to arm 4,000 Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq battling against Islamic State (IS) insurgents, whose advances threaten to destabilize the Middle East, the defense minister said on Sunday. The equipment will include armor-piercing weapons like anti-tank rockets, thousands of assault rifles, hand grenades, mine-clearing equipment, night-vision goggles, field kitchens and tents. ‘The weapons delivery is enough to supply a brigade of 4,000 soldiers,’ said Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen. Breaking with a post-war policy of not sending arms to conflict zones, Chancellor Angela Merkel says northern Iraq is an ‘exception’ because of the nature of Islamic State’s violence.” [Reuters, [8/31/14](#)]

8/18/14: German Embassy In Washington: “The German Government Decided To Provide Immediate Emergency Aid To The People In Northern Iraq. The Bundeswehr Began Transporting Supplies On August 15. Five Transall Military Aircraft Were Initially Deployed For The Mission Carrying Over 36 Tons Of Humanitarian Air – Including Blankets, Medicine And Food – For The Refugees In And Around Erbil. On Monday, The German Government Increased The Humanitarian Aid By A Further 25 Million Euros. In Addition, The Federal Foreign Office Authorized Transport Of Enough Supplies To Support Up To 20,000 Refugees For Three Months.” “The German government decided to provide immediate emergency aid to the people in Northern Iraq. The Bundeswehr began transporting supplies on August 15. Five Transall military aircraft were initially deployed for the mission carrying over 36 tons of humanitarian air – including blankets, medicine and food – for the refugees in and around Erbil. On Monday, the German government increased the humanitarian aid by a further 25 million euros. In addition, the Federal Foreign Office authorized transport of enough supplies to support up to 20,000 refugees for three months. The UN will take over the distribution of the goods once they have reached Erbil. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, which initially allotted 20 million euros in emergency

air for Northern Iraq, increased the aid once again by 25 million euros. The funds will be distributed through UNICEF, an organization founded to fight world hunger, and other NGOs that are active in the region. The Federal Foreign Office has provided 4.4 million euros in aid to the Iraqis.” [German Missions to the United States, [8/18/14](#)]

Greece

9/3/14: Greek Deputy Prime Minister And Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos: “The Reports Arriving From Syria And Iraq Regarding Mass Murders Of Civilians And The Execution Of Another Journalist Give Rise To Outrage And Profound Concern For The Fate Of Citizens, Irrespective Of Their Religion, Who Are Trying To Survive Under The Regime Of Terror That Has Been Imposed In The Region By The Self-Styled ‘Islamic State’. The Latest Reports Of Executions Of Citizens, Particularly Members Of Minorities, And The Execution Of A Hostage Journalist Constitute Further Appalling Proof Of The Brutality That Characterizes The Actions Of This Terrorist Group, Reconfirming The Dire Need For The International Community’s Immediate Action Against Every Extremist, Jihadist Organization.” “Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos made the following statement regarding reports of the execution of an American journalist by the ‘Islamic State’ terrorist organization: ‘The reports arriving from Syria and Iraq regarding mass murders of civilians and the execution of another journalist give rise to outrage and profound concern for the fate of citizens, irrespective of their religion, who are trying to survive under the regime of terror that has been imposed in the region by the self-styled ‘Islamic State’. The latest reports of executions of citizens, particularly members of minorities, and the execution of a hostage journalist constitute further appalling proof of the brutality that characterizes the actions of this terrorist group, reconfirming the dire need for the international community’s immediate action against every extremist, jihadist organization. Greece will remain a firm supporter of the right of journalists to work under safe conditions, without threat to their lives or welfare.” [Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/3/14](#)]

Hungary

8/22/14: Hungarian Ministry Of Defence – Release: “Hungary, As A Member Of The European Union And NATO, Will Send Ammunition To Iraq To Assist That Country's Armed Forces In Their Fight Against Terrorism. The Ammunition To Be Sent To Iraq Free Of Charge, Listed In A Government Decree Published In The Official Hungarian Gazette On Thursday, Will Include Several Million Cartridges, And Thousands Of Mines And Armor-Piercing Shell.” “Hungary, as a member of the European Union and NATO, will send ammunition to Iraq to assist that country's armed forces in their fight against terrorism. The ammunition to be sent to Iraq free of charge, listed in a government decree published in the official Hungarian Gazette on Thursday, will include several million cartridges, and thousands of mines and armor-piercing shell. The consignment will not compromise Hungary's combat readiness. The Hungarian Government has earlier condemned violent acts against Christians in northern Iraq and voiced plans to send aid to the country in cooperation with the US. On Monday, the first contingent of a Hungarian aid package worth 70,000 euros arrived in Iraq's Erbil to support Christian communities and the authorities of Kurdistan.” [Hungarian Ministry of Defence, [8/22/14](#)]

8/21/14: Hungarian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Trade: “[Minister Of State For Security Policy And International Cooperation Istvan Mikola] Told A Press Conference That The Humanitarian Aid Representing A Total Value Of 70,000 Euros Is Being Sent To People Most Affected By The Conflict In Northern Iraq, Especially Members Of Christian Communities And Other Religious Minorities Persecuted By Terrorists Of The Extremist Organisation Islamic State.” “Around half of a Hungarian aid consignment to Iraq, primarily consisting of goods to cater for children, has arrived, Minister of State for security policy and international cooperation Istvan Mikola said on Tuesday. He told a press conference that the humanitarian aid representing a total value of 70,000 euros is being sent to people most affected by the conflict in northern Iraq, especially members of Christian communities and other religious minorities persecuted by terrorists of the extremist organisation Islamic State. Foreign ministry spokesperson Anna Nagy said it was the task of the ministry to prepare the aid packages and send them to Iraq. Mr Mikola said half of the aid had been delivered to the Kurdistan authorities and the local archdiocese. This included mostly medicine, infant nutrition and diapers, he said. The second half of the consignment is on its way and Hungarian civil organisations are expected to oversee the distribution of packages, he added. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Tibor Navracsics said on August 10 that the Hungarian government would provide 70,000 euros worth immediate aid to Christian communities in northern Iraq and the authorities in Kurdistan.” [Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, [8/21/14](#)]

Iraq

9/8/14: AP: “Speaking Before Parliament, [Prime Minister Haider] Al-Abadi Vowed To ‘Back The Military Operations In All The Areas Of Confrontation Against The Armed Gangs And The Forces Of Terrorism And Ensuring Their Continuation Till Victory Is Achieved.’” “Iraq’s parliament officially named Haider al-Abadi the country’s new prime minister late Monday and approved most of his proposed Cabinet amid calls by the Arab League for its members to combat the Sunni militant group violently advancing across Iraq and Syria... Speaking before parliament, Al-Abadi vowed to ‘back the military operations in all the areas of confrontation against the armed gangs and the forces of terrorism and ensuring their continuation till victory is achieved.’” [AP, [9/8/14](#)]

9/6/14: AFP: “US President Barack Obama’s Plan For An International Anti-Jihadist Coalition Is A ‘Strong Message Of Support’ For Baghdad And Its Fight Against Militants, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari Said Saturday. ‘We Welcome That, And We Have Repeatedly Called On Our International Partners For Help And Support Because This Threat Is A Very Deadly Threat... Not Only To The People Of Iraq Or The Region, But To Europe, To America, To NATO,’ Zebari Told AFP.” “US President Barack Obama’s plan for an international anti-jihadist coalition is a ‘strong message of support’ for Baghdad and its fight against militants, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said Saturday. ‘We welcome that, and we have repeatedly called on our international partners for help and support because this threat is a very deadly threat... not only to the people of Iraq or the region, but to Europe, to America, to NATO,’ Zebari told AFP. ‘This is basically our fight... but we need the support -- our capacity is limited, and we need the support to enhance our capacity,’ he said. ‘Nobody’s thinking of any ground troops at this stage -- they are calling for air support, for tactical support, for arming the

forces on the ground, like the (Kurdish) peshmerga, the Iraqi security forces, and also to provide... intelligence, reconnaissance,' he added." [AFP, [9/6/14](#)]

9/1/14: AP: "The U.N.'s Top Human Rights Body On Monday Overwhelmingly Approved The Iraqi Government's Request For An Investigation Into Alleged Crimes Against Civilians Committed By The Islamic State Group In Its Rampage Across Northeastern Syria And Parts Of Iraq... Iraq's Human Rights Minister, Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani, [Said] Said His Country Needs The World's Support Because The Group 'Is Not An Iraqi Phenomenon, It Is A Transnational Organization That Is An Imminent Danger For All Countries Of The World.'" "The U.N.'s top human rights body on Monday overwhelmingly approved the Iraqi government's request for an investigation into alleged crimes against civilians committed by the Islamic State group in its rampage across northeastern Syria and parts of Iraq ... 'We are facing a terrorist monster,' Iraq's human rights minister, Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani, said shortly before the vote. He said his country needs the world's support because the group 'is not an Iraqi phenomenon, it is a transnational organization that is an imminent danger for all countries of the world.' 'Their movement must be curbed. Their assets should be frozen and confiscated. Their military capacities must be destroyed,' he said." [Associated Press, [9/1/14](#)]

6/18/14: Defense News: "The Iraqi Government Has Requested US Military Airstrikes To Help Combat Widespread Violence In Iraq, Led By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL), The Top American General Told Congress Wednesday... 'We Have A Request From The Iraqi Government For Airpower,' Dempsey Said." "The Iraqi government has requested US military airstrikes to help combat widespread violence in Iraq, led by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the top American general told Congress Wednesday. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, confirmed the request during a Senate Appropriations Defense subcommittee hearing when being questioned by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. 'We have a request from the Iraqi government for airpower,' Dempsey said.'" [Defense News, [6/18/14](#)]

Ireland

Humanitarian

8/13/14: Irish Government News Service: "The Government Will Provide €250,000 To The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) And A Further €250,000 To The International Committee Of The Red Cross (ICRC) To Support Their Emergency Response Activities In Northern Iraq, Where Thousands Have Fled The Advances Of ISIS." "The Government today announced funding of €500,000 in emergency response to the devastating conflict and unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Iraq, with a focus on minority groups and vulnerable women and children. The Government will provide €250,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and a further €250,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to support their emergency response activities in Northern Iraq, where thousands have fled the advances of ISIS. These include up to 30,000 minority Yazidi civilians displaced in the vicinity of Mount Sinjar and hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons. The contribution to UNICEF will meet immediate life-saving needs of children and women at risk of violence, displacement, dehydration, and starvation. The funding provided to the ICRC will support

provision of food and essential household items, as well as by improving the availability of water and health care.” [Irish Government News Service, [8/13/14](#)]

8/13/14: Ireland Foreign Affairs Minister Charlie Flanagan: “Ireland Condemns In The Strongest Possible Way Deliberate Attacks On Iraqi Civilians And Calls On All Parties To The Conflict To Ensure Safe Passage Of Displaced Populations And Delivery Of Humanitarian Assistance. In Addition To The €655,000 That Ireland Has Already Provided In Response To The Iraq Crisis This Year, This Further Funding Will Bring Vital Life Saving Assistance To Hundreds Of Thousands Of Iraqi Civilians Trapped By The Fighting.” “The plight of the most vulnerable – particularly, children, women and elderly people – is increasingly desperate and Ireland is doing all it can to provide urgent life-saving assistance. Children are the most at risk and worst affected by violence and displacement. Ireland condemns in the strongest possible way deliberate attacks on Iraqi civilians and calls on all parties to the conflict to ensure safe passage of displaced populations and delivery of humanitarian assistance. In addition to the €655,000 that Ireland has already provided in response to the Iraq crisis this year, this further funding will bring vital life saving assistance to hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians trapped by the fighting. The humanitarian situation is worsening every day in Northern Iraq. There are approximately 200,000 people who are now in desperate need of assistance. I am particularly concerned about the plight of the Yazidi minority still trapped in the Sinjar mountains by the armed groups of ISIS.” [Irish Government News Service, [8/13/14](#)]

Italy

9/9/14: ANSA Rome: “Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti Said ISIS Represents A ‘New Terrorist Threat’ Not Just For Iraq And Syria But Also For Europe. Pinotti Stressed The Need To ‘Use All Means Available To Contain And Overcome This Threat’ And Said More Cooperation With Countries Like Turkey Was ‘Essential’ To Achieve This Goal.” “Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti said ISIS represents a ‘new terrorist threat’ not just for Iraq and Syria but also for Europe. Pinotti stressed the need to ‘use all means available to contain and overcome this threat’ and said more cooperation with countries like Turkey was ‘essential’ to achieve this goal... Pinotti also said Italy is helping, along with other countries, both the Kurdish militiamen of Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzhani and Baghdad's troops by providing ‘weapons, munitions, communication and intelligence’ and that such efforts will be intensified.” [ANSA Rome, [9/9/14](#)]

9/3/14: Reuters: “Italy Should Be Able To Start Deliveries Of Weapons To Kurdish Forces By Next Week, Once Final Arrangements With Iraqi Authorities Are Completed, Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti Told Parliament On Wednesday... The Weapons, Including 200 Machine Guns And 2,000 Rocket Propelled Grenades As Well As 950,000 Rounds Of Ammunition Will Come From Both Its Own Surplus Military Stocks As Well As From Stocks Of Soviet-Made Weapons Confiscated During The Balkan Wars Of The 1990s.” “Italy should be able to start deliveries of weapons to Kurdish forces by next week, once final arrangements with Iraqi authorities are completed, Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti told parliament on Wednesday. Along with other European countries, including Germany and France, Italy has agreed to send Kurdish forces a quantity of light weapons to use against Islamic State

militants who have swept into northern Iraq. The weapons, including 200 machine guns and 2,000 rocket propelled grenades as well as 950,000 rounds of ammunition will come from both its own surplus military stocks as well as from stocks of Soviet-made weapons confiscated during the Balkan wars of the 1990s. Pinotti told a parliamentary committee hearing that logistical preparations were underway and deliveries, worth a total of 1.9 million euros (\$2.50 million), could begin by Sept. 10 once the final authorization had been received. She said additional forms of cooperation could be considered including transporting weapons provided by other countries.” [Reuters, [9/3/14](#)]

9/3/14: Reuters: “Italian Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti... Said Additional Forms Of Cooperation Could Be Considered Including Transporting Weapons Provided By Other Countries.” [Italian Defense Minister Roberta] Pinotti told a parliamentary committee hearing that logistical preparations were underway and deliveries, worth a total of 1.9 million euros (\$2.50 million), could begin by Sept. 10 once the final authorization had been received. She said additional forms of cooperation could be considered including transporting weapons provided by other countries.” [Reuters, [9/3/14](#)]

8/14/14: Government Of Italy: “An Italian Mission On Behalf Of The Populations Of Northern Iraq Was Approved By Foreign And Defence Ministers Mogherini And Pinotti. A 6-Flight Air Bridge Has Been Arranged Through UNICEF To Bring 36 Tonnes Of Water, 14 Tonnes Of Protein Biscuits, 200 Tents And 400 Sleeping Bags.” “An Italian mission on behalf of the populations of northern Iraq was approved by Foreign and Defence Ministers Mogherini and Pinotti. A 6-flight air bridge has been arranged through UNICEF to bring 36 tonnes of water, 14 tonnes of protein biscuits, 200 tents and 400 sleeping bags. The Minister for Defence has made a C130J Air Force transport plane available, complete with crew and Army specialists. ‘The plane, which is already in the area, will be used to deliver the Italian Cooperation humanitarian aid to the displaced persons and refugees threatened by the Islamic State who have taken refuge in the UN camps in northern Iraq’, Ministers Mogherini and Pinotti explained. ‘A total of 50 tonnes of water and food supplies, in addition to 200 tents and 400 sleeping bags from the Italian WFP warehouse in Dubai are to be distributed’. The plan calls for two flights on 16 August, for a delivery of 20 tonnes of water and 8 of biscuits, another flight on 17 August (10 tonnes of water and 4 of biscuits), one on 18 August (6 tonnes water and 2 biscuits), a flight on 19 August (100 tents and 200 sleeping bags) and a final one on 20 August (100 tents and 200 sleeping bags).” [Government of Italy, [8/14/14](#)]

Japan

Humanitarian

8/19/14: Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees: “In Response To The Deteriorating Situation In Northern Iraq, UNHCR Launched This Week One Of Its Largest Aid Pushes Aimed At Helping Nearly Half A Million People Who Have Been Forced To Flee Their Homes... Support For This And Further Aid Deliveries Is Coming From The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, The US, The UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden And IKEA...” “In response to the deteriorating situation in northern Iraq, UNHCR launched this week one of its largest aid pushes aimed at helping nearly half a million people who have been forced to flee their homes... Included in the initial aid

shipments are 3,300 tents, 20,000 plastic sheets, 18,500 kitchen sets, and 16,500 jerry cans. Support for this and further aid deliveries is coming from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the US, the UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and IKEA - a UNHCR corporate partner.” [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, [8/19/14](#)]

Jordan

6/24/14: King Abdullah II Of Jordan: “The Crisis In Syria Has Shown That Transnational Terrorists Have No Regards For Borders As Well As The Challenge That We Face When Those Terrorist Organisations, Or Those Extremists, Return Back To Their Host Countries.” “The crisis in Syria has shown that transnational terrorists have no regards for borders as well as the challenge that we face when those terrorist organisations, or those extremists, return back to their host countries. Obviously, we have seen that effect in Iraq also. So, these are part of the discussions we will have today.” [Jordan Times, [6/24/14](#)]

Kuwait

Humanitarian

7/9/14: United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs: “The United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Today Welcomed The Generous Contribution Of US\$9.5 Million From The State Of Kuwait To UN Humanitarian Agencies And The International Organization For Migration (IOM) Responding To The Deteriorating Humanitarian Crisis In Iraq.” “The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) today welcomed the generous contribution of US\$9.5 million from the State of Kuwait to UN humanitarian agencies and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) responding to the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Iraq. An additional \$500,000 from Kuwait has been allocated to the Kuwait Red Crescent Society and the International Islamic Charity Organisation. ‘The State of Kuwait’s timely contribution of \$10 million for humanitarian aid to Iraq is welcome and will help us scale up our efforts to provide aid to displaced families and host communities,’ said Valerie Amos, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.” [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, [7/9/14](#)]

Luxembourg

Humanitarian

8/19/14: Office of The United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees: “Included In The Initial Aid Shipments [To Iraq] Are 3,300 Tents, 20,000 Plastic Sheets, 18,500 Kitchen Sets, And 16,500 Jerry Cans. Support For This And Further Aid Deliveries Is Coming From The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, The US, The UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden And IKEA - A UNHCR Corporate Partner.” “In response to the deteriorating situation in northern Iraq, UNHCR launched this week one of its largest aid pushes aimed at helping nearly half a million people who have been forced to flee their homes... Included in the initial aid shipments are 3,300 tents, 20,000 plastic sheets, 18,500 kitchen sets, and 16,500 jerry cans. Support for this and further aid deliveries is coming from the Kingdom of

Saudi Arabia, the US, the UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and IKEA - a UNHCR corporate partner.” [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, [8/19/14](#)]

Netherlands

9/10/14: NL Times: “The Cabinet Is In Discussions With The United States About How The Netherlands Can Contribute To The International Coalition In The Fight Against The Terrorist Movement Islamic State (IS). Ministers Timmermans (Foreign Affairs) And Hennis (Defense) Wrote To The Second Chamber That All Options Are Being Considered. According To The Ministers, The United States Welcomes The Netherlands’ Willingness To Form Part Of The Coalition.” “The Cabinet is in discussions with the United States about how the Netherlands can contribute to the international coalition in the fight against the terrorist movement Islamic State (IS). Ministers Timmermans (Foreign Affairs) and Hennis (Defense) wrote to the Second Chamber that all options are being considered. According to the Ministers, the United States welcomes the Netherlands’ willingness to form part of the coalition. The Ministers also wrote that the nine countries that are now part of the coalition were approached first by the United States for practical reasons, NOS.nl reports. These countries are Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.” [NL Times, [9/10/14](#)]

9/5/14: Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte: “The International Community Agrees That The Barbaric Actions Of ISIS Must Be Stopped... Tackling ISIS Is A Long-Term Undertaking.” “The approach towards Islamic State (ISIS) was also discussed at the summit. ‘The international community agrees that the barbaric actions of ISIS must be stopped,’ said Mr Rutte. To this end, the prime minister believes that a broad coalition is needed, whose members include international organisations and countries in the region. This approach is in line with that of the United States, Mr Rutte noted. In the prime minister’s view, an international coalition will need to develop a broad, long-term strategy across various spheres: political, military and humanitarian. ‘Tackling ISIS is a long-term undertaking,’ he said. The US also wishes to build the broadest possible coalition, which will be shaped further in the period ahead. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Frans Timmermans and defence minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert discussed this issue with their American colleagues at the summit.” [Government of the Netherlands, [9/5/14](#)]

9/5/14: Government of the Netherlands: “The Netherlands Is Already Contributing To The Cross-Border Fight Against ISIS, Providing Kurdish Forces With 1,000 Helmets And 1,000 Bulletproof Vests For Instance... Finally, The Netherlands Has Agreed, At Germany’s Request, To Transport Arms And Ammunition, As Announced By The Prime Minister During The Summit’s Closing Press Conference.” “The Netherlands is already contributing to the cross-border fight against ISIS, providing Kurdish forces with 1,000 helmets and 1,000 bulletproof vests for instance. The Dutch are also contributing humanitarian financial aid and a rule of law programme to Syria, for which €6 million has been set aside. Finally, the Netherlands has agreed, at Germany’s request, to transport arms and ammunition, as announced by the prime minister during the summit’s closing press conference.” [Government of the Netherlands, [9/5/14](#)]

8/27/14: Government of the Netherlands: “Lilianne Ploumen, Minister For Foreign Trade And Development Cooperation, Is Providing More Support For The Stricken Population Of Northern Iraq. In Total, €6.5 Million Euros Will Be Donated For Various Forms Of Emergency Aid... The Government Has Made Around €8 Million Available For Aid To Those Who Have Fled The Violence And Persecution By The IS In Northern Iraq.”

“Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, is providing more support for the stricken population of northern Iraq. In total, €6.5 million euros will be donated for various forms of emergency aid. Some will be earmarked for mine clearance. ‘The Islamic State (IS) laid different types of explosive devices over a very large area,’ the Minister said. ‘Now that they have left, the population wants to return home. That makes sense, but it entails a great risk to life. So it’s crucial to quickly clear the mines from that area and also to make the population aware of the enormous risks.’ The work will be carried out by the UK’s Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and the Belgian organisation Handicap International. MAG has been working in northern Iraq for 22 years. Besides clearing mines, it runs information campaigns for refugees and local people. In total, the Netherlands is making €1.5 million available for these activities. A total of €5 million is being donated to the Red Cross, which will provide aid like blankets, jerry cans and cooking equipment to the displaced via sister organisations in Kurdistan and Iraq... In total, the government has made around €8 million available for aid to those who have fled the violence and persecution by the IS in northern Iraq.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/27/14](#)]

8/18/14: Government of the Netherlands: “A Fully-Loaded C-130 Hercules Transport Aircraft Has Just Taken Off From Eindhoven Air Base. The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) Aircraft Is Taking Blankets, LED Lamps And Emergency Food Supplies To Northern Iraq.” “A fully-loaded C-130 Hercules transport aircraft has just taken off from Eindhoven Air Base. The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) aircraft is taking blankets, LED lamps and emergency food supplies to Northern Iraq. The aid supplies are meant for the tens of thousands of Yazidi refugees and other displaced people in the region. The RNLAf will hand over the relief goods to a UN organisation at Erbil International Airport. This organisation is responsible for coordinating the emergency aid and for the further distribution.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/18/14](#)]

8/18/14: Government of the Netherlands: “The Government Is To Provide Emergency Assistance To The Yazidis And Other Displaced Persons In Distress In Northern Iraq. With Help From Australia, Aid Supplies Will Be Airdropped In The Sinjar Mountains, Where Thousands Of Families Have Taken Refuge From IS (ISIS) Persecution.” “The government is to provide emergency assistance to the Yazidis and other displaced persons in distress in northern Iraq. With help from Australia, aid supplies will be airdropped in the Sinjar mountains, where thousands of families have taken refuge from IS (ISIS) persecution. ‘Anyone who has read the reports and seen the images knows the situation is simply tragic. The people are trapped. More help is needed,’ said Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. The aid supplies will cost around €1 million. They will be loaded on to a KDC-10 transport aircraft of the Royal Netherlands Air Force and flown to the United Arab Emirates, where they will be transferred to Australian aircraft, which will drop them over the Sinjar mountains. ‘The armed forces are on standby 24/7, and it is good that we can make a difference together with our esteemed Australian colleagues,’ said Minister of Defence Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert. The Netherlands has coordinated its contribution with international partners

to ensure that it will help alleviate the most immediate distress. This is the second time in a week that the government is taking action to help the people of northern Iraq. Last weekend €400,000 was made available to the Red Cross for emergency aid.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/18/14](#)]

New Zealand

8/28/14: Government Of New Zealand: “Foreign Minister Murray McCully Today Announced That New Zealand Will Provide \$500,000 To Support Humanitarian Efforts By The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) In Iraq. ‘The Situation In Iraq Has Worsened Dramatically Since The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) Began Their Offensive,’ Mr McCully Says.” “Foreign Minister Murray McCully today announced that New Zealand will provide \$500,000 to support humanitarian efforts by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Iraq. ‘The situation in Iraq has worsened dramatically since the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) began their offensive,’ Mr McCully says. ‘ISIL’s actions deserve the strongest condemnation. We have been appalled by the loss of life, displacement of civilians and the widespread abuses of human rights. ‘It is estimated that around 17 million people, or half the population of Iraq, are affected by the ongoing violence, and more than a million people have been forced to leave their homes in the last two months alone. ‘UNHCR are providing shelter and emergency relief items to refugees and internally displaced people. ‘The funding announced today is in addition to the \$500,000 New Zealand provided to UNHCR in June and brings our total contribution to the current crisis in Iraq to \$1 million.’” [Government of New Zealand, [8/28/14](#)]

Norway

Humanitarian

9/5/14: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO): “Over The Next Few Days 10 Further Aid Flights Will Be Arriving In Erbil... The New Airlift, Supported By The People And Government Of Norway, Will Bring Close To 40,000 Blankets, 10,000 Kitchen Sets, And Almost 18,000 Plastic Tarpaulins/Sheets.” “In Iraq, the major aid operation launched on 20 August for almost half a million displaced people has continued to push forward. Over the next few days 10 further aid flights will be arriving in Erbil. Despite this ongoing work, pressure on accommodation remains acute. Many schools are still being used to house the displaced. In addition, there is urgent need to reinforce tents and other housing in preparation for the coming winter. Over the past week, aid has continued to flow in by plane, ship and road, being distributed across Iraq. The new airlift, supported by the people and government of Norway, will bring close to 40,000 blankets, 10,000 kitchen sets, and almost 18,000 plastic tarpaulins/sheets. Already, since mid-June, UNHCR and its partners have provided more than 100,000 mattresses, 10,000 family tents, and 40,000 water jugs (jerry cans) and tens of thousands of other essential items for some of the estimated 850,000 people who have fled into Iraq's northern Kurdistan region.” [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, [9/5/14](#)]

8/15/14: Wall Street Journal: “Norway's Government Said Friday It Would Contribute A C-130J Super Hercules Transport Aircraft To Deliver Humanitarian Aid To The Self-

Governed Iraqi Region Of Kurdistan... ‘We Want To Be Prepared To Contribute. That's Why We'll Make Available A C-130J Transport Aircraft To Transport The Necessary Humanitarian Aid At Short Notice,’ Said Norway's Minister Of Defense Ine Eriksen Søreide.” “Norway's government said Friday it would contribute a C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft to deliver humanitarian aid to the self-governed Iraqi region of Kurdistan, but said it wouldn't provide any military aid, such as troops, weapons or weapons transport. ‘We want to be prepared to contribute. That's why we'll make available a C-130J transport aircraft to transport the necessary humanitarian aid at short notice,’ said Norway's Minister of Defense Ine Eriksen Søreide.” [Wall Street Journal, [8/15/14](#)]

Qatar

9/7/14: Kuwait News Agency: “Six Qatari Aircraft Carrying 300 Tons Of Humanitarian Aid Arrived In Iraqi Cities Of Irbil And Sulaimaniyah, As Well As In Amman, Jordan, To Help The Iraqi People, Official News Agency Reported Sunday.” “Six Qatari aircraft carrying 300 tons of humanitarian aid arrived in Iraqi cities of Irbil and Sulaimaniyah, as well as in Amman, Jordan, to help the Iraqi people, official news agency reported Sunday. The Qatari aid, sent upon instructions of Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani to help alleviate the suffering of Iraqi people, were delivered over the past three days by Lakhwiya search and rescue team, according to QNA. The aid include tents, blankets, food, and medical items for diabetic people and those suffering from cardiovascular diseases, in addition to antibiotics.” [Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), [9/7/14](#)]

8/24/14: Qatari Foreign Minister Dr. Khalid Bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah: “Qatar Does Not Support Extremist Groups, Including ISIS, In Any Way. We Are Repelled By Their Views, Their Violent Methods And Their Ambitions.” “Qatar yesterday condemned the Islamic State’s ‘barbaric’ murder of US journalist James Foley and flatly rejected accusations of giving financial support to the militant group. HE the Foreign Minister Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah’s comments came a day after the German government apologised for remarks by a minister accusing Qatar of financing Islamic State militants. HE al-Attiyah described the recent comments as ill-informed. ‘Qatar does not support extremist groups, including ISIS, in any way. We are repelled by their views, their violent methods and their ambitions,’ he said in a statement released in London. ‘The vision of extremist groups for the region is one that we have not, nor will ever, support in any way.’ ... He urged the Iraqi government to provide safety and security for its citizens and vowed that Qatar would continue to provide humanitarian aid to the Iraqi people.” [Reuters, [8/24/14](#)]

Romania

9/3/14: Romanian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “By Its Actions, ISIL Poses A Direct Threat To The Entire Euro-Atlantic Community And To Middle Eastern States, Where It Is Operating At Present...Romania Will Continue To Contribute To International Community Efforts To Combat International Terrorism And The ISIL Phenomenon. The International Community Must Take All Necessary Steps To Support The Middle Eastern Nations' Legitimate Aspirations To Stability And Development.” “The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is watching the events in Syria and Iraq very carefully from the perspective of the abominable acts of terror committed by the self-proclaimed ‘Islamic State’ (ISIL). By its

actions, ISIL poses a direct threat to the entire Euro-Atlantic community and to Middle Eastern states, where it is operating at present. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs uncompromisingly rejects the modus operandi consisting of assassinating innocent people – civilians, journalists - in the name of a so-called ideology of extremist terrorists that can under no circumstances be justified. The people responsible for such criminal acts must be identified and brought to justice. From this point of view, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs most seriously condemns the assassination of journalist Steven Sotloff by ISIL. In this context, Minister of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean pays homage to all journalists who, regardless of the risks that they are facing, sometimes even paying with their lives, choose to do their job in conflict zones to inform the public on the dangerous and destabilizing turn of events at the global and regional level. Romania will continue to contribute to international community efforts to combat international terrorism and the ISIL phenomenon. The international community must take all necessary steps to support the Middle Eastern nations' legitimate aspirations to stability and development.” [Government of Romania, [9/3/14](#)]

8/21/14: Romanian Minister Of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean: “Such Barbaric Acts Must Be Condemned By The Entire International Community And Their Perpetrators Must Be Prosecuted.” “Minister of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean expresses indignation with the decapitation execution of American journalist James Foley by the terrorist group that calls itself ‘Islamic State.’ Minister Titus Corlăţean condemns this act of terrorism in the strongest terms: ‘Such acts of extreme violence are a blatant violation of fundamental human rights and liberties, as well as a brutal attack on the journalist profession. It is unacceptable that journalists constitute targets during armed conflicts and become casualties during the exercise of their profession. And it is so much more serious when they fall victim to extremist manifestations. Such barbaric acts must be condemned by the entire international community and their perpetrators must be prosecuted.’” [Government of Romania, [8/21/14](#)]

Saudi Arabia

8/13/14: Royal Embassy Of Saudi Arabia: “The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia Today Donated \$100 Million To The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) During A Joint Press Conference At The U.N. Headquarters With U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, Saudi Ambassador To The United States Adel Bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir And Permanent Representative Of Saudi Arabia To The U.N. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi.” “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia today donated \$100 million to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) during a joint press conference at the U.N. headquarters with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir and Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the U.N. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi. ‘This donation by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, is another bold demonstration of his ongoing commitment to combating terrorism around the world,’ said Ambassador Al-Jubeir. ‘The goal is to help provide the tools, technologies and methods to confront and eliminate the threat of terrorism.’ Ambassador Al-Jubeir added, ‘Terrorism has no faith, no nationality, no ethnicity and no humanity. It is incumbent on the international community to work closely together to rid our world of this scourge.’” [Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, [8/13/14](#)]

7/1/14: Royal Embassy Of Saudi Arabia: “The Custodian Of The Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, Ordered The Provision Of \$500 Million In Humanitarian Assistance To The Iraqi People Who Have Suffered Greatly From Recent Events, Including Those Who Have Been Displaced, Regardless Of Their Religion, Sect Or Ethnicity.” “The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, ordered the provision of \$500 million in humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people who have suffered greatly from recent events, including those who have been displaced, regardless of their religion, sect or ethnicity. The U.N. Secretary-General has been informed of this contribution, which will be provided solely to the Iraqi people through the appropriate U.N. agencies. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will coordinate with the U.N. to ensure that the assistance reaches all segments of the Iraqi population that have suffered from recent developments.” [Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, [7/1/14](#)]

Slovakia

Humanitarian

8/13/14: Wall Street Journal: “Slovakia Has Joined Other European Union States Seeking To Provide Help For Displaced Civilians In Northern Iraq Amid The Ongoing Sectarian Fighting In The Region, The Country’s Foreign Ministry Said Thursday. The Eastern EU State Will Start Its Aid On A Small Scale By Donating €20,000 To The International Organization For Migration, Which Has Already Been Active In The Kurdish Part Of Iraq, The Foreign Ministry Said.” “Slovakia has joined other European Union states seeking to provide help for displaced civilians in northern Iraq amid the ongoing sectarian fighting in the region, the country’s foreign ministry said Thursday. The eastern EU state will start its aid on a small scale by donating €20,000 to the International Organization for Migration, which has already been active in the Kurdish part of Iraq, the foreign ministry said... ‘In the wake of ongoing ethnic, sectarian and religious violence used against members of (non-Islamic) minorities in northern Iraq by extremists from the Islamic State group, there’s a humanitarian crisis in the region,’ the foreign ministry said.” [Wall Street Journal, [8/13/14](#)]

South Korea

Humanitarian

8/20/14: Korea Herald/Yonhap: “South Korea's Foreign Ministry Said Wednesday It Has Decided To Provide An Additional US\$1 Million In Humanitarian Aid To Help Iraqi Refugees Amid Escalating Violence In The Country... The Korean Government Earlier Provided \$200,000 In Humanitarian Assistance.” “South Korea's foreign ministry said Wednesday it has decided to provide an additional US\$1 million in humanitarian aid to help Iraqi refugees amid escalating violence in the country. The humanitarian crisis has heightened in northern Iraq since Sunni Muslim insurgents from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) seized Iraq's second-biggest city of Mosul in June. The United States began to carry out air strikes on the Islamic extremist group on Aug. 8. Seoul's foreign ministry said it has decided to support the international community's efforts to provide humanitarian aid to displaced Iraqis. Around 1.2 million people have been displaced by the terrorist group since June, it added. The

Korean government earlier provided \$200,000 in humanitarian assistance.” [Korea Herald/Yonhap, [8/20/14](#)]

Spain

Humanitarian

9/2/14: Government Of Spain: “Spain Co-Sponsored A Resolution Approved Yesterday, Without A Vote, At A Special Session Of The Human Rights Council On The Human Rights Situation In Iraq Following Information On Abuses Being Committed By The Self-Proclaimed Islamic State In Iraq And The Levant...Spain Has Announced An Initial Humanitarian Contribution Of 500,000 Euros, Which Has Been Channelled Through The International Committee Of The Red Cross, And Reiterated That Iraq Can Count On The Commitment And Collaboration Of Spain And The EU To Overcome This Crisis.” “Spain co-sponsored a resolution approved yesterday, without a vote, at a special session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in Iraq following information on abuses being committed by the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. The Government of Spain was one of the main sponsors of this resolution, in which the Human Rights Council expressed its unequivocal condemnation of the atrocities committed by the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant while highlighting that those atrocities have been defined as crimes against humanity. By actively participating in this session, Spain wished to demonstrate its support for the Government of Iraq, the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq, and its serious concerns over the deaths of civilians, the systematic persecution of religious and ethnic minorities, the forced fleeing of thousands of people and the humanitarian crisis now under way. The Spanish delegation highlighted the importance of building a strong, extensive and inclusive national unity government capable of guaranteeing respect for human rights and promoting a tolerant society committed to the protection of all minorities present in Iraq. Spain has announced an initial humanitarian contribution of 500,000 euros, which has been channelled through the International Committee of the Red Cross, and reiterated that Iraq can count on the commitment and collaboration of Spain and the EU to overcome this crisis.” [Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Government of Spain, [9/2/14](#)]

Sweden

Humanitarian

8/15/14: The Local: “[Swedish Foreign Minister Carl] Bildt Expressed Support For The Military Support Carried Out By The US And France, Among Others, But Said That For 'Legal Reasons' Sweden Was Unable To Do The Same. ‘We Concentrate On What We Can Do Best [Humanitarian Aid],’ He Said.” “‘The Swedish contribution will be fully concentrated on humanitarian support,’ said Fredrik Belfrage, who represented the Swedish government at a Friday meeting of the parliamentary committee on European affairs, to the TT news agency. The EU’s foreign ministers have meanwhile gathered in Brussels on Friday to discuss the escalating crisis. ‘This is a crisis meeting in a crisis summer,’ Swedish foreign minister Carl Bildt said Friday lunchtime. Bildt expressed support for the military support carried out by the US and France, among others, but said that for ‘legal reasons’ Sweden was unable to do the same. ‘We concentrate on what we can do best,’ he said.” [The Local (Sweden), [8/15/14](#)]

8/15/14: Swedish Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “In Response To The Serious Situation, Sweden Has Substantially Increased Its Humanitarian Assistance To Iraq. A Total Of SEK 95 Million Has Been Disbursed In 2014, More Than SEK 51 Million Of This Being Extra Allocations To Meet The Escalating Crisis. Of These Funds, SEK 19 Million Are Being Channelled Through The International Organisation For Migration (IOM) And SEK 5 Million Through The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) For Urgent Humanitarian Operations In The Country.” “In response to the serious situation, Sweden has substantially increased its humanitarian assistance to Iraq. A total of SEK 95 million has been disbursed in 2014, more than SEK 51 million of this being extra allocations to meet the escalating crisis. Of these funds, SEK 19 million are being channelled through the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and SEK 5 million through the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) for urgent humanitarian operations in the country. Swedish humanitarian assistance is focusing on ensuring access to water and sanitation and contributing to the UN's humanitarian coordination capacity, which initially was not equipped to cope with the sudden and urgent needs that arose. By sending six experts to strengthen the UN's humanitarian coordination capacity in Iraq, Sweden has helped the UN more quickly use the generous humanitarian contributions that have since been pouring in from Sweden and other donors. One of the greatest challenges for relief efforts is to reach those in need.” [Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/15/14](#)]

8/15/14: Swedish Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “As Part Of Our Core Support, Sweden Has Contributed SEK 2.7 Million In Humanitarian Assistance To Iraq Via The World Food Programme. Sweden Is Also Contributing Through Our Share In The EU's Humanitarian Activities, Which Are Conducted By The Directorate-General For Humanitarian Aid And Civil Protection (ECHO).” “In addition to targeted support, Sweden is one of the largest donors of non-earmarked core support to humanitarian organisations on the ground in Iraq. When a crisis suddenly arises, as in Iraq, core support enables humanitarian organisations to rapidly establish a presence and start operations. As part of our core support, Sweden has contributed SEK 2.7 million in humanitarian assistance to Iraq via the World Food Programme. Sweden is also contributing through our share in the EU's humanitarian activities, which are conducted by the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). Since the crisis began, ECHO, which has now opened a permanent office in Erbil, has contributed more than SEK 150 million.” [Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/15/14](#)]

Switzerland

Humanitarian

8/15/14: Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation Press Release: “The Humanitarian Disaster In Northern Iraq Calls For An International Response Which Switzerland Is Joining... At The Beginning Of June, Switzerland Increased Its Financial Assistance To Its Partners On The Ground By CHF 3.7 Million...Switzerland's Financial Commitment For 2014 Now Stands At CHF 8.6 Million.” “Atrocities committed against civilians – specifically by members of the Islamic State group – are precipitating a serious humanitarian crisis. Switzerland is extremely concerned and is responding by offering material assistance to the victims, condemning the serious violations of international law and calling on Iraq to take appropriate measures. Switzerland is currently scaling up its humanitarian assistance. The

humanitarian disaster in northern Iraq calls for an international response which Switzerland is joining. At the beginning of June, Switzerland increased its financial assistance to its partners on the ground by CHF 3.7 million – the International Committee of the Red Cross, Save the Children Switzerland and the Norwegian Refugee Council – in order to provide food and material aid to internally displaced persons in northern Iraq, especially children and families. Switzerland's financial commitment for 2014 now stands at CHF 8.6 million. In addition, three specialists from the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit have been seconded to the United Nations to strengthen the humanitarian response in northern Iraq. Further deployments are currently under review.” [Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation Press Release, [8/15/14](#)]

Turkey

8/14/14: Anadolu Agency: “Turkey's Leading Aid Agencies Have Sent A Total Of 109 Trucks Of Humanitarian Aid To Turkmen In Northern Iraq Since June, When Attacks By Islamic State (IS) Militants Caused Them And Other Iraqi's To Leave Their Homes.”

“Turkey's leading aid agencies have sent a total of 109 trucks of humanitarian aid to Turkmen in northern Iraq since June, when attacks by Islamic State (IS) militants caused them and other Iraqi's to leave their homes. The humanitarian materials mainly included 12,000 tents, 36,000 food packages, 147 tones of drinking water, tens of tones of dry food, 14,000 blankets, 20 tones of cleaning supplies in addition to drugs and medical supplies. Turkish disaster and emergency agency, AFAD in cooperation with Turkey's international development agency (TIKA), Turkish Red Crescent have mainly been responsible for getting these humanitarian aid materials to Iraq. In addition, Turkish Red Crescent has been sending aid to destitute people in Dohuk province, Erbil and Sinjar mountain in Iraq since the Islamic State triggered a chaos in the region. It has sent nearly 4 million Turkish liras of humanitarian aid (\$1.9m) so far. Turkish people, NGOs and companies also assisted these agencies to provide these displaced people that hope the crisis in their homelands to immediately end.” [Anadolu Agency, [8/14/14](#)]

- **8/14/14: Anadolu Agency: “In A Last Development As Of August 7, AFAD Began Building A New Refugee Camp For 20,000 Iraqi Turkmen Near Duhok. More Than 10,000 Turkmen Families Have Fled Their Homes Since The Islamic State Began Targeting Turkmen-Populated Cities In June, According To The International Organization For Migration.”** “IHH, the Turkish humanitarian relief foundation, also working in Syria since March 2011 to provide shelter, food and health care for those who are displaced within the country and Syrian refugees, has reached aid to around 2 million Turkmen families affected so far. In a last development as of August 7, AFAD began building a new refugee camp for 20,000 Iraqi Turkmen near Duhok. More than 10,000 Turkmen families have fled their homes since the Islamic State began targeting Turkmen-populated cities in June, according to the International Organization for Migration.” [Anadolu Agency, [8/14/14](#)]

United Arab Emirates

9/4/14: United Arab Emirates – Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “...The UAE Condemns The Atrocities Of The So-Called ISIS, Which Aims To Kill, Terrorise, And Displace Civilians, Ransack Property And Demolish Historic And Religious Sites.... The International Community Must Work Towards A Unified Strategy To Face This Issue At All Levels.”

“Our world is witnessing many serious challenges, and amongst the greatest of these is terrorism. The UAE expresses its deepest concerns and strongest condemnation of terror acts and criminal practices of violent extremists. In particular, the UAE condemns the atrocities of the so-called ISIS, which aims to kill, terrorise, and displace civilians, ransack property and demolish historic and religious sites. These actions undermine regional and international stability and threaten universal humanitarian values, cultural heritage, and norms of tolerance, multiculturalism and religious diversity. As terrorism is a global scourge that knows no borders and draws from all parts of the world. The international community must work towards a unified strategy to face this issue at all levels. The UAE's position is firm, which calls for the renunciation of terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms. It also affirms tolerance and coexistence between nations and people as an essential pillar of its domestic and foreign policy.” [United Arab Emirates – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/4/14](#)]

9/3/14: Statement of Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba: “The UAE Is Ready To Join The International Community In An Urgent, Coordinated And Sustained Effort To Confront A Threat That Will, If Unchecked, Have Global Ramifications For Decades To Come. Any Action Must Begin With A Clear Plan For Direct Intervention Against ISIS But Must Address The Other Dangerous Extremist Groups In The Region.” “Islamic extremism is a Middle East problem but it is quickly becoming the world's problem too. It is a transnational challenge, the most destabilizing and dangerous global force since fascism. For certain, the United States and the West have a big interest in this battle. But no one has more at stake than the UAE and other moderate countries in the region that have rejected the regressive Islamist creed and embraced a different, forward-looking path. Now is the time to act. The UAE is ready to join the international community in an urgent, coordinated and sustained effort to confront a threat that will, if unchecked, have global ramifications for decades to come. Any action must begin with a clear plan for direct intervention against ISIS but must address the other dangerous extremist groups in the region. It is also critical to tackle the support networks, the entire militant ideological and financial complex that is the lifeblood of extremism.” [Statement of Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba On Challenging Extremism, [9/3/14](#)]

9/3/14: AFP: “The United Arab Emirates Voiced Readiness Wednesday To Back World Efforts To Confront The Threat From Jihadists, Amid Calls By Western Powers For An International Fight Against The Islamic State. The UAE Affirms ‘Its Solidarity With Regional And International Efforts Against Terrorist Threats... And Its Readiness To Take Needed Measures To Confront This Phenomenon In Line With UN Security Council Resolution 2170,’ Its Foreign Ministry Said.” “The United Arab Emirates voiced readiness Wednesday to back world efforts to confront the threat from jihadists, amid calls by Western powers for an international fight against the Islamic State. The UAE affirms ‘its solidarity with regional and international efforts against terrorist threats... and its readiness to take needed measures to confront this phenomenon in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2170,’ its foreign ministry said. The resolution, passed last month, seeks to cut funds and the flow of foreign fighters both to the Islamic State, which has seized swathes of territory in Syria and Iraq, and to Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate, Al-Nusra Front. The UAE said it ‘stands against terrorist threats facing our region and the world, especially with the dangerous human rights violations by terrorist groups in Iraq, Syria and other Arab and Muslim countries such as Yemen, Somalia,

Libya, and Afghanistan suffering from... movements such as IS, Al-Nusra, and Al-Qaeda.”
[AFP, [9/3/14](#)]

8/21/14: Associated Press: “The Ruler Of The United Arab Emirates Approved New Counterterrorism Legislation That Strengthens Existing Laws Against Money Laundering, While Also Expanding Penalties To Include Execution, Life Imprisonment, And Fines Of Up To \$27 Million, State Media Reported Wednesday... The Official Emirates News Agency Reported That President Sheik Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Endorsed The Law, But Provided No Further Details.” “The ruler of the United Arab Emirates approved new counterterrorism legislation that strengthens existing laws against money laundering, while also expanding penalties to include execution, life imprisonment, and fines of up to \$27 million, state media reported Wednesday... The official Emirates News Agency reported that President Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan endorsed the law, but provided no further details... Dubai-based Gulf News obtained a copy of the law, which identified potential death penalty cases as attempts to attack any royal family members or members of the Cabinet’s Supreme Council, and acts that lead to the death of a person.” [Associated Press, [8/21/14](#)]

United Kingdom

9/8/14: Tobias Ellwood MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at The Foreign And Commonwealth Office: “As The Prime Minister Set Out In His Statement Of 1 September, The Government Will Use All The Resources At Our Disposal To Tackle The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL). This Includes Providing Equipment To Support Kurdistan Regional Government Forces Fighting Against ISIL. The UK Has Also Delivered Airdrops To Support Those Trapped By ISIL, And Has Committed £23 Million Of Humanitarian Assistance To Help Those Who Have Fled ISIL’s Advances. The RAF Have Also Been Carrying Out Surveillance Flights.” “MR GODSIFF: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what steps the Government is taking to help protect people living in ISIS-controlled areas of Iraq. [207202]

MR ELLWOOD: As the Prime Minister set out in his statement of 1 September, the Government will use all the resources at our disposal to tackle the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). This includes providing equipment to support Kurdistan Regional Government forces fighting against ISIL. The UK has also delivered airdrops to support those trapped by ISIL, and has committed £23 million of humanitarian assistance to help those who have fled ISIL’s advances. The RAF have also been carrying out surveillance flights.” [House of Commons Written Answers to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Questions directed to Tobias Ellwood MP- the Parliamentary Under-Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office, [9/8/14](#)]

9/5/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron: “...We Agreed We Must Use All The Instruments At Our Disposal, Humanitarian, Diplomatic And Military, To Squeeze This Barbaric Terrorist Organization Out Of Existence.” “...the alliance was clear about the scale of the threat from Islamist extremism. And we agreed we must use all the instruments at our disposal, humanitarian, diplomatic and military, to squeeze this barbaric terrorist organization out of existence ... The fight against ISIL must be led by the Iraqis themselves, but we will

continue to encourage countries in the region to support this effort and to engage allies across the world.” [Prime Minister Cameron Remarks at NATO Summit, [9/5/14](#)]

9/4/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron & President Barack Obama Op-Ed: “When The Threats To Our Security Increasingly Emanate From Outside The Borders Of Our Alliance, We Must Do More To Build Partnerships With Others Around The Globe Who Share Our Values And Want To Build A Safe, Tolerant And Peaceful World - That Includes Supporting The Partners Who Are Taking The Fight To ISIL On The Ground, As We Have Done By Stepping Up Support For Kurdish And Iraqi Security Forces.” “When the threats to our security increasingly emanate from outside the borders of our Alliance, we must do more to build partnerships with others around the globe who share our values and want to build a safe, tolerant and peaceful world - that includes supporting the partners who are taking the fight to ISIL on the ground, as we have done by stepping up support for Kurdish and Iraqi Security Forces. And we should use our expertise to provide training and mentoring to forces elsewhere, whether in Georgia or the Middle East, strengthening the capacity of forces there to tackle local threats... Ultimately by working together we are stronger, whether in standing up to Russia or confronting ISIL.” [Times of London, [9/4/14](#)]

9/4/14: The Independent: “The Prime Minister Said: ‘We’re Prepared To Do More And We’re Considering Actively Whether To Give Them Arms Ourselves And Whether We Can More Directly To Train Kurdish Militia, We’re Already Playing A Role There But We Can Do More.’ Britain Has So Far Sent Non-Lethal Equipment To Kurdistan, Including A Consignment Of Ten Tonnes Of Body Armour And Helmet Delivered Earlier Today, As Well As Carrying Out Surveillance Operations In The Area.” “Mr Cameron signalled Britain is ready to send UK weapons directly to Kurdistan for the first time and to help train its forces to resist Isis militants in northern Iraq. A senior military officer, Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall, has been authorised by Mr Cameron to hold talks with Kurdish leaders over what military support they need. The Prime Minister said: ‘We’re prepared to do more and we’re considering actively whether to give them arms ourselves and whether we can more directly to train Kurdish militia, we’re already playing a role there but we can do more.’ Britain has so far sent non-lethal equipment to Kurdistan, including a consignment of ten tonnes of body armour and helmet delivered earlier today, as well as carrying out surveillance operations in the area.” [The Independent (UK), [9/4/14](#)]

9/2/14: Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon: “The Government Is Committed To Using Its Aid, Diplomatic, Political And Military Expertise To Focus On Three Objectives: Alleviating The Humanitarian Suffering; To Promoting An Inclusive, Sovereign And Democratic Iraq; And Working With The International Community To Tackle The Broader Threat The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) Poses To The Region And Countries Around The World...” “The ambition to create an extremist caliphate in the heart of Iraq and Syria is a direct threat to our own security in the UK. The Government is committed to using its aid, diplomatic, political and military expertise to focus on three objectives: alleviating the humanitarian suffering; to promoting an inclusive, sovereign and democratic Iraq; and working with the international community to tackle the broader threat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) poses to the region and countries around the world, including the UK.” [Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Fallon), [9/2/14](#)]

9/2/14: Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon: “The RAF Have Also Carried Out Intelligence, Surveillance And Reconnaissance Missions To Better Understand The Situation On The Ground. Between 13 And 16 August, Ten Surveillance Sorties Were Undertaken By UK Tornado GR4 Aircraft.” “The RAF have also carried out Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions to better understand the situation on the ground. Between 13 and 16 August, ten surveillance sorties were undertaken by UK Tornado GR4 aircraft. On 30/31 August, a further Tornado sortie flew a surveillance mission in support of the aid drops to Amerli. A UK Rivet Joint aircraft has also been deployed to improve our understanding. A Voyager aircraft has provided support to these operations through air-to-air refuelling.” [Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Fallon), [9/2/14](#)]

9/2/14: Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon: “Between 9 And 14 August, The UK Delivered A Total Of 75 Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid (Provided By The Department For International Development) (Dfid) Over Mount Sinjar Through Seven Successful C-130 Aircraft Sorties.” “Between 9 and 14 August, the UK delivered a total of 75 tonnes of humanitarian aid (provided by the Department for International Development) (DfID) over Mount Sinjar through seven successful C-130 aircraft sorties. This aid was delivered to help thousands of Iraqis who had been displaced by ISIL. These flights were fully integrated with the US and included participation from the Royal Australian Air Force. UK operations ceased when the operation was concluded by US Central Command. RAF Akrotiri hosted the air transport used to drop humanitarian aid, as well as four CH-47 Chinook helicopters which prepared for a potential evacuation of displaced people from the mountain.” [Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Fallon), [9/2/14](#)]

9/2/14: Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon: “In Response To Requests From The Iraqi Government And The KRG We Have Also Taken Part In International Efforts To Help The Iraqi Authorities Contain And Push Back ISIL. UK C-17 And C-130 Transport Aircraft Have Delivered To The KRG Ammunition And Equipment From Other Nations, Including Small Arms And Rocket-Propelled Grenades With Which The Kurdish Security Forces Are Already Familiar.” “In response to requests from the Iraqi government and the KRG we have also taken part in international efforts to help the Iraqi authorities contain and push back ISIL. UK C-17 and C-130 transport aircraft have delivered to the KRG ammunition and equipment from other nations, including small arms and rocket-propelled grenades with which the Kurdish security forces are already familiar. We are also gifting UK non-lethal equipment, including helmets and body armour, to the KRG. These flights transited through Baghdad for inspection and approval by the Iraqi government and the deliveries have been supported by a small Operational Liaison and Reconnaissance Team deployed to Erbil to support the move and transfer of the equipment. We have been joined in these supply flights by other countries, including the Canadians. The US is coordinating delivery of these supplies through military and State Department personnel in Iraq, and we will continue to liaise with them and the KRG’s Ministry of Peshmerga through our own military and Foreign and Commonwealth Office representatives in Erbil. Our support has not involved troops in a combat role on the ground.” [Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Fallon), [9/2/14](#)]

9/1/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron: “To Confront The Threat Of Islamist Extremism, We Need A Tough, Intelligent, Patient And Comprehensive Approach To Defeat The Terrorist Threat At Source. We Must Use All The Resources At Our Disposal - Our Aid, Diplomacy And Military - And We Need A Firm Security Response, Whether That Means Military Action To Go After The Terrorists, International Co-Operation On Intelligence Or Uncompromising Action Against Terrorists At Home.” “To confront the threat of Islamist extremism, we need a tough, intelligent, patient and comprehensive approach to defeat the terrorist threat at source. We must use all the resources at our disposal - our aid, diplomacy and military - and we need a firm security response, whether that means military action to go after the terrorists, international co-operation on intelligence or uncompromising action against terrorists at home. Britain is already providing equipment directly to the Kurdish forces. We support US military air strikes against ISIL in Iraq, and we have secured a United Nations Security Council resolution to disrupt the flows of finance to ISIL, to sanction those seeking to recruit to ISIL and to encourage countries to do all they can to prevent foreign fighters from joining the extremist cause.” [Prime Minister’s Office, [9/1/14](#)]

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8/10/14: AFP: “International Development Minister Justine Greening [Said] ‘The UK Has Acted Swiftly To Get Lifesaving Help To Those Affected. Last Night The RAF (Royal Air

Force) Successfully Dropped Lifesaving UK Aid Supplies, Including Clean Water And Filtration Devices, On The Mountain.” “Britain has begun airdropping food and water to thousands of civilians stranded on a mountain in northern Iraq after fleeing jihadist militants a week ago, officials said Sunday. The first delivery of aid to the minority Yazidis, which also includes tents, water filters and solar-powered lights that double as phone chargers, took place overnight. ‘The world has been shocked by the plight of the Yazidi community. They face appalling conditions, cut off on Mount Sinjar after fleeing persecution,’ said international development minister Justine Greening. ‘The UK has acted swiftly to get lifesaving help to those affected. Last night the RAF (Royal Air Force) successfully dropped lifesaving UK aid supplies, including clean water and filtration devices, on the mountain.’ Two RAF C-130 transport planes were deployed to the Sinjar region on Saturday in the wake of an attack by extremist Islamic State militants on the region a week ago.” [AFP, [8/10/14](#)]