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Country:Republic of Iraq
Agenda Item:Legalization of Euthanasia

Republic of Iraq is a country in Western Asia. It is bordered by Turkey to the north, Iran to the east, the Persian Gulf and Kuwait to the southeast, Saudi Arabia to the south, Jordan to the southwest and Syria to the west. The capital and largest city is Baghdad. The official languages of Iraq are Arabic and Kurdish. The official religion of Iraq is Islam. The federal government of Iraq is defined under the current Constitution as a democratic federal parliamentary republic. In October 2005, the new Constitution of Iraq was approved. Article 1 of Civil Code also identifies Islamic law as a formal source of law. Iraq had developed a centralised free health care system in the 1970s using a hospital based, capital-intensive model of curative care.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide (EAS) are practices that aim to alleviate the suffering of people with life-limiting illnesses, but are controversial. They are two types of euthanasia: active and passive. Active euthanasia means injecting or giving substances to a patient in order to end their lives and passive euthanasia is intentionally letting a patient die withholding artificial life support such as ventilator or feeding tube. Active euthanasia is legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Spain and several states of Australia (New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia),

According to our religion life is sacred and a person cannot terminate their life with their own decision. And if a person does it they will be punished in the after life. As a result euthanasia also considered forbidden in our religion. Our religion plays a huge role both in the politics of our country even in our laws and in the lives of our citizens. As a state where religion plays a huge role if we provide euthanasia, which is a behavior against our religious principles and moral values, it would be a huge public agitation and panic which will lead to great chaos and confusion.