

**Question for written answer E-003498/2023**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** Dispute between Iraqi Federal Government and Kurdistan Regional Government

The Iraqi Federal Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) signed an agreement on the share of the budget for KRG earlier this year. The provisions of this agreement have been largely incorporated into the budget law for 2023-2025, which will be adopted by the Iraqi Council of Representatives and implemented by the Council of Ministers. However, the KRG has still not received its share of the Iraqi budget.

1. Is the Vice-President / High Representative aware of the reasons for the recent decisions of the Iraqi Federal Court and of the disputes between Baghdad and the KRG and does the Vice-President / High Representative share the concern that the decisions of the Iraqi Federal Courts are being used as political leverage against the KRG?
2. Will the Vice-President / High Representative take measures to improve dialogue and cooperation between Baghdad and the KRG, and if so, how?

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