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Subject: Assessing the impact of Iraqi Federal Supreme Court decisions on the Kurdistan Regional Government

The recent developments and, in particular, decisions taken by Iraq's Federal Court, are raising concerns about the viability of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) that demand urgent attention. There has been a disregard for the KRG's constitutional rights, specifically as regards the formation of parliament, with the appropriation of powers by the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq. Concerns about democratic principles and the rule of law are increasing. The most recent instance of a breach of these principles was the seizure by Iraq's Federal Supreme Court of power over oil and gas. Thus, the Kurdistan Democratic Party has raised three issues for discussion:

1. The constitutionality of Iraq's Federal Supreme Court has been questioned. How does the European External Action Service (EEAS) regard the Iraqi Federal Supreme Court's role in general, and specifically, its role in disputes between the government in Baghdad and the KRG?
2. Does the EEAS share the concern that the Iraqi Federal Supreme Court's decisions have been subject to politicisation, which could further destabilise Iraq and the region?
3. Does the EEAS share the concern that the court's decisions are part of concerted efforts by some Iraqi (political) factions, supported by one of Iraq's influential neighbouring countries, to weaken, or to even dissolve, the KRG as a federal entity?

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